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For the VIRGINIA GAZETTE.
Extracts from the Essay "Of Difference of Opinion."

(Continued from our 1st.)
"MEN rarely are inclined to stop short in a business of this sort; and having detected one error in the party to which they formerly adhered, they are gradually propelled to go over completely to the opposite party. A candid mind will frequently feel itself impressed with the difficulties which bear upon its sentiments, especially if they are forcibly brought forward in argument; and will heartily discard its own system for another, when that other, if fairly considered, was liable to objections not less cogent than the former."

"The influence which produces a change of opinion is liable, in a greater or lesser degree, to deceive the man who is most rigid in scrutinizing the motives by which he is influenced. Indeed, we have spoken of them as changes of opinion, which implies a certain degree of sincerity. When a sinister motive is suspected, the man is generally regarded as holding the same opinion still, and only pretending to have undergone a change. But this is a phenomenon much more rare than is commonly imagined. The human mind is exceedingly pliant in this respect; and he that earnestly wishes to entertain an opinion, will usually, in no long time, become its sincere adherent. We even frequently are in this respect the dupes of our own devices. A man who habitually defends a sentiment, commonly ends with becoming a convert. Pride and shame fix him in his new faith. It is a circumstance by no means without a precedent, for a man to become the enthusiastic advocate of a paradox, which he at first derided by way of bravado, or as an affair of amusement."

"There is nothing more remarkable in the analysis of intellectual operations, than the subtlety of motives. Every thing in the phenomena of the human mind is connected together. At first sight, one would suppose nothing was easier than for the man himself to assign the motive of any one of his actions—he can never do it accurately; and we often find him committing the most glaring mistakes. Every incident of our lives contributes to form our temper, our character, and our understanding; and the mass thus formed, modifies every one of our actions. All men are affectionate and habit."

"As to motives, let us for a moment put out of the question, the consideration of pleasure and pain, hope and fear, as they are continually operating upon us in the formation of our opinions. Separately from these, there are numerous circumstances, calculated to mislead the most ingenious mind in its search after truth, and to account for our embracing the shadow of reason when we imagined ourselves possessed of the substance. One man, according to the habits of his mind, shall regard with satisfaction, the slightest and most flimsy arguments, and bestow upon them the name of demonstration. Another man, a mathematician for instance, should be inferable to the force of those accumulated presumptions, which are all that moral and practical subjects will ever admit. A misfortune more pitiable than either of these, is when a strict and profound reasoner falls into some unperceived mistake at the commencement, in consequence of which, the further he proceeds in his enquiry, and the more closely he follows his train of deductions, he plunges the more deeply in error."

SECTION II.
"The maxims which the preceding reasonings are calculated to establish, are, that we shall rarely be in the right in allowing ourselves to suspect the sincerity of others in the cause to which they profess adherence; that nothing can be more various than the habits of different minds, or more diversified than their mode of contemplating the same subject; that nothing can be more deceitful than the notion, in general among superficial thinkers, that every cause but their own is defective of any plausibility of appearance; and that we can never have a full view of the sincerity of men in opinions we deem absurd, till we have learned to put ourselves in their place, and to become the temporary advocates of the sentiment we reject."

"It may be useful to illustrate these propositions by a specific instance.
The controversy at present most vehemently agitated, is that between new and old systems of political government. The advocates of both parties, for the most part, see nothing on the side adverse to their own, but wilful perverseness. They cannot believe that their opponents are sincere and ardent well wishers to the happiness of mankind. All they discern in one case, is a spirit of monopoly and oppression; and in the other, is a discontented heart, anxious to gratify its cravings, by the most rapacious and dishonest means. If each party could be persuaded to see the principle of controversy in the other in a favorable light, and to regard itself and its opponent as contending by different modes for the same object, the common welfare, it would be attended at this great crisis of the moral world, with the happiest effects."

"It may be laid down as an axiom, that the enlightened advocate of new systems of government, proceeds upon the establishment or assumption of the progressive nature of man, whether as an individual, or as the member of a society. Let us see how far the principal champions of both hypotheses, are agreed in this doctrine."

"The supporters of the system of government at present in existence, build upon it to a certain extent, as the main pillar of their edifice. They look through the history of man. They view him at first a miserable savage, destitute of all the refinements of a civilized state, and scarcely in any respect elevated above the brutes. They view him in the progressive stages of intellectual improvement, and dwell with ecstasy upon the polished manners, the generous sentiments, the scientific comprehensions, the lofty flights, and divine elevation which constitute what may at present be denominated the last stage of that progress. They call to mind with horror the fierce and unrelenting passions of savages and barbarians. They see that it has been only by graduated steps that these passions have been controlled, in the degree in which they are now controlled; and they justly regard personal security as the grand source of leisure, disinterestedness, science, and wisdom. Thus far both parties ought to be considered as agreed."

(To be continued.)

From the New-York Gazette.
ORATION.
Delivered in the COLLEGE at PRINCETON, on the morning of the
FOURTH OF JULY.

In casting our eyes over the page of history, the attention is caught by the astonishing revolutions which have taken place in the different ages of the world. The Assyrian, the Persian, the Macedonian & the Roman empires succeeded one another in power, and equally sacrificed the happiness of mankind on the altars of ambition. But, these revolutions are particularly interesting in which the people rebel against their government, and vent their malignant passions, in the cruelties they inflict upon their fellow countrymen. The civil war which raged in England, between Charles I. & his Parliament, exhibits an awful example of the depravity of the human heart. The men who commenced the opposition to arbitrary stretches of prerogative, were animated by the principles of freedom, and will long be held in remembrance by the lovers of virtuous liberty. But the spirit which it created did not conduct the revolution. Tyrants rose in power, and trampled on the rights of their country."

But of all the revolutions that have afflicted the human race, that of FRANCE exceeds in the degree, and in the extent of its crimes. Deriving its origin from the intrigues and villainy of a few individuals, it has been marked in every stage of its progress by an unblinking violation of all the principles that are held sacred among mankind. Thus infamous Duke of Orleans, a monster whose parallel can hardly be found in history, was the prime mover of this revolution: his object was to destroy LOUIS, and to place himself upon the throne. Mirabeau, equally celebrated for his talents and his crimes, and the Abbe Sieyes a dark, cunning and cruel clergyman, were employed by the Duke in the accomplishment of his views. He lived to see his relation conducted to the scaffold, and his country filled with blood! But the vengeance of heaven overtook him, and he met the same fate which he had been so instrumental in preparing for his unfortunate monarch."

Such then was the origin of a revolution which has been so often held up to the admiration of the world. It was created, and it has been conducted by the most abandoned and the most perfidious of mankind. Their object was not to bestow liberty on France, but to promote their own aggrandizement, and to vent the malignant passions of their hearts."

The progress of the revolution presents a picture equally disgusting and horrid!—FRANCE has been governed by a succession of tyrants, with which the Name and Caligula of antiquity do not deserve to be compared. Buflon and his colleagues early figured upon the theatre, but a speedy death was the punishment of their crimes. These were the men who turned the people of universal conquest. It was Buflon who invited the people of other countries to rise in rebellion against their governments, and proposed to set fire to the four corners of Europe. But he soon fell under the commanding genius of Robespierre, and this tyrant established an ancient order of dominion. Hebert and Danton ventured to oppose his power, but immediate death was the forfeit of their temerity. The cruelties exercised in France during the reign of Robespierre exceed not only the power of language to describe, but even the imagination to conceive! In the space of two months, 40,000 persons were destroyed in the single city of Paris and its environs! The channel of the Loire was choked with dead bodies; and its waters tinged with blood. Similar scenes were acted in Toulon, in Bourdeaux, in Lyons, and in many other cities of the Republic. Revolutionary tribunals were erected in all the parts of France."

These were possessed of unlimited power, and condemned to the same punishment, all who were obnoxious to the tyrant without regard to age or sex, or guilt or innocence! PARIS daily witnessed the execution of hundreds of victims, until the giddy inhabitants were so accustomed to scenes of murder that they came to view them, without one tear of sorrow, or one indignant emotion of the heart! Robespierre fell in his turn. Then were exhibited the proofs of his crimes—Then was it made known to the world, that during a single year of his dreadful reign, France had witnessed the murder of two millions of her inhabitants! In this number are included 155,000 women, 230,000 children, and 24,000 ministers of the gospel! Merciful Creator! when will this unhappy nation be delivered from the calamities with which it has been so long afflicted! When shall the tyrants of Europe be arrested in their proud career of conquest and of crime."

FRANCE, at present greets under a military despotism. The will of the directory is law. Their arbitrary mandate can deprive the virtuous citizen of his life, or banish him to a desert shore. All the powers of the nation are under the control of the government, and the people are obliged to choose as their representatives, those candidates who enjoy the confidence of their rulers. Large bodies of troops are stationed in the interior of France to keep the people in subjection, and all communication is prohibited between the different parts of the country. Such, Frenchmen, is the reward of your perfidy to the best of princes. After having solemnly sworn to support him in his constitutional powers, you basely betrayed him to his enemies. You have permitted the scourging of the earth to send your king to the scaffold, to dip their garments in his blood! The justice of Heaven is seen in the calamities which you have been made to suffer, and in the fate of the monsters who destroyed their sovereign. They have met of them terminated their career by an ignominious death."

If we take a view of the conduct of the revolutions towards other countries, we shall find it distinguished by the same marks of cruelty, perfidy and ambition. It is well known, that they early formed a resolution to compel all Europe, and finally the whole world to bend beneath their power, this project has been invariably pursued from the early periods of the revolution to the present time."

Various factions have contended for power at home, but they all acted upon the same principles of foreign policy. France has adopted the maxim of the Romans, and has pursued it, even with more success and more cruelty than those ferocious destroyers of mankind. When her troops entered Holland, they made the most liberal promises and

the most generous professions. The chains of tyranny were to be broken, and complete happiness was to be bestowed on the regenerated Dutch. But they have been reduced to the most abject slavery. An odious constitution has been imposed on them by France. The members of their convention who have dared to speak with the friends of patriots, have been arrested and imprisoned. Contribution has been levied upon contribution, and the wretched inhabitants are kept in subjection by a powerful army, whose expenses the Dutch enjoy, and this is the liberty which France will bestow upon all the countries that shall follow her, or copy after her arms. What has been the fate of Venice? The generous republicans promised to give her liberty, and to restore her to the empire, and transferred her inhabitants like the beasts of the field. The other states of Italy have experienced treatment equally dishonorable and unjust. The Cisalpine republic is under the dominion of 25,000 French troops. These live on the property of the inhabitants, and are paid by the wretched Venetians they had in bondage."

Switzerland has lately been added to the long catalogue of the provinces of France. It was to intrigue, and not to conquer, that she fell a sacrifice. The traitors in her councils, whom France had purchased, opposed with success, every vigorous measure. In vain did the peasants flock to the gates of Berne, and demand to be led against the enemy. All the advantages that might have been derived from their enthusiasm were destroyed by the perfidy of the government. Unhappy Switzerland! you have given to the world an instructive but a mournful example. And many distant nations, whilst they weep for your fate, and admire your valor, learn wisdom from the fatal errors which have proved your ruin."

AMERICANS! from the fall of this devoted country, you may derive the most instructive lesson. Switzerland had still been free and happy, but the listened to the traitors who told her there was no danger, and rejected the energetic measures which her patriots proposed. My countrymen! the same language is held in your councils. It is the language which France has instructed her partisans in every country to employ. There is no danger—There is no danger—This is the eternal burden of their song. But the citizens of America will not be deceived by all the arts of foreign intrigue or domestic treason. They have seen the infamous conduct of France towards the nations of Europe. They have felt the insults offered to their own country, and they will defend at every hazard her independence of their fathers. The Youth of Berne have raised a monument to their fame that will survive the ravages of time. They fought in the fatal battle of the 6th, under the walls of their city, until they were all stretched upon the field. The youth of America will imitate the glorious example. The chief magistrate has declared their country to be in danger, and has called upon them to fly to arms in his defence: he shall not be deceived. The youth of America will fly to arms, and defend their country, or perish in the glorious struggle."

Are there any Liberts in this assembly? I animate your soul to meet the arduous contest. Tell them of the actions of their ancestors! recount to them the battles in which you fought to establish that independence which tyrants now threaten to destroy. And you who are mothers! justice the noble example of the Spartan women!—Let it be your pride and your boast that your sons are fighting the battles of their country; and should they fall on the sanguinary plains make it your consolation that they have died a glorious death. And you, the fair daughters of your country, employ your influence over the ingenuous youth, in filling their hearts with heroism, and in arming their arms for the day of battle. Form warriors to adorn the brow of the youthful warrior. Work with your own hands the colors under which he is to draw his sword. And crown with your smiles, only, who achieve heroic deeds. What effects may not be produced by the charms and eloquence of the fair? Who saved Rome when Carthage threatened her gates, and the entreaties of her priests, and the cries of her people were in vain? It was woman—amiable, generous, patriotic woman. Think not that I exaggerate the dangers to which our country is exposed, or that I fear the issue of the contest in which we shall soon be compelled to engage. No! Let the former approach—let the whirlwind come—WASHINGTON yet I vet. His constitution is still unbroken, and his full full force on the wings of grandeur. He has been twice the savior of his country, and he is yet defined by heaven to run an illustrious course. As a command, the old veterans will leave their retreat, and again encamp on the martial plain. Animated by the same glorious principles, they will follow their beloved chief, form a rampart round their country, which tyranny shall never force."

From a Dedham (Mass.) Paper.

PLAIN TRUTH.—Can any be plainer? Jacobinism has done more to turn the heads and hearts of many Americans and to humble their courage, than could be reasonably expected from half a dozen years of slavery. Had the French been really and in fact, as well as in pretension, our masters, and used our people as they use the Dutch and Italians, it would hardly be thought that any men, once free, would so soon forget their lost liberty and become like our Jacobins, not merely reconciled to their chains, but fond of them. It will astonish the citizens of the towns thirty miles from the sea coast, indeed the great body of the sound, enlightened true-hearted farmers of New England will be amazed, mortified & provoked to hear that there are still Jacobins in the lower flourishing and truly respectable towns of Norfolk and Middlesex—that though they are not near so numerous, nor quite so bold as formerly, they are more bitter than ever, the frowns of the majority of the good citizens and the rage of disappointment being added to the fury of their passions. The light which the correspondence with France has shed on the path of others has blinded them. The government has no secrets, the people know the whole truth, and they wonder that any can be so perverse as to blame our Executive, and so false to America as to adhere to France after such convincing evidence of the wickedness of the latter has been published. But Jacobin eyes are dim in day light, as men who come suddenly out of darkness are almost blinded by the glare of a candle. So far from being convinced, or at least from owning that they are convinced, they repeat the tale and ten thousand times confused charges against the President & Congress. They still vindicate France, with her success in all her enterprises, rejoice when one republic falls after another; nay, some who are sworn, or forewarned to bear true faith and allegiance to the constitution openly say, they hope the French will take our vessels, that our armed ships, men and all will be sunk; and if the French should invade us, that the friends of government should stand in the front rank as a parapet, meaning between two fires, French before, Jacobins behind them. The cockade of cowardice is assumed in preference to the American cockade; the fourteenth of July is preferred to the fourth; the French cockade is even laid to be worn into some of our churches, which indeed has long been in France the badge of the most impious profanation of the house of God."

Fellow countrymen, not yet ashamed of our independence; not yet fallen from the rank of freemen—like the two or three hundred foreign Jacobins of Norfolk and Middlesex, will you believe that these infamies have happened in the vicinity of the high-spirited enlightened capital of Massachusetts—in the county, boasting the honor of the nativity and residence of the illustrious President of the United States, and of the excellent Governor of the Commonwealth? Believe it, for it is true, and when you reflect upon the fact, thank God that he has not delivered you also over to like political delusion. We ought to be devoutly thankful that this gangrene, this spot of rottenness is confined to a very small part of the political body, which in its other members is found, vigorous and healthful enough to defend its throat from the ruffian knife of the Directory; a knife now wet and dripping with Swiss blood, whose republic was confederated like our own."

If our citizens were generally as mean-spirited, as false-hearted, as foul-mouthed as twenty or thirty thirty Jacobins, in each of the ten or twelve towns in the vicinity of Boston, Independence, though it cost an hundred millions of dollars, and is worth more than ishid in mines, or in the sea, would not be worth a cent. The cowardly cockade of the Jacobins, would measure its value. France would not need armies to subdue us. Slaves already in soul, we should stand still to be harnessed. The Directory might send its decrees from Paris, and mould our mock authorities into any form that would give power and plunder to her partisans as among us, and secure to the great nation the control of our deputy, subverting independence. The Friend of Government."

ALEXANDRIA, July 15.

MISSRS. THOMAS & WESTCOTT.
Having observed in your Advertiser of the date of the 10th inst. a communication from a Frederickburg paper, relative to an address to the President which was submitted to the consideration of the citizens of Westmoreland county, on the 25th of June, being court day: I feel myself urged to call upon you in the sacred names of truth and impartiality, to give the following statement a place also, in the Times."

On the day abovementioned, an address to the President was brought forward by Col. William A. Washington, it was read to the citizens, and laid upon the table for their decision without a single comment from its friends; when a violent and intemperate opposition was commenced to it by Mr. John Stuart, a resident of another county, in course of which Mr. S. indulged himself in such expressions as could not fail to excite a reply from General Lee. General Lee's observations were mild, gentlemanly and dispassionate—they were directed to the subject—they were calculated to enlighten, and inform the people—and were in fact, by the least personal invective. The opposition was alternately maintained by Messrs. Stuart, Monroe (who was likewise a non-resident) and Dawson, who continued to combat the principles of the address, until they were deserted by the audience."

The consequence was, that three copies of the address were immediately circulated among the people, to one of which I subscribed at an early period of the evening, and which alone, at that time contained more subscribers than the whole number stated in the abovementioned communication. The fact is, that on the 30th of June, there were 416 resident subscribers of mature age, to the address, & only 11 to Mr. Dawson's resolutions; 4 of whom were non-residents. In this situation has the address been forwarded to the President; since then I have been well informed the number of subscribers has amounted to 500. I have not understood that the efforts of the dissenting party have been attended with any success. It is false that the citizens of Westmoreland have remained supine and unconcerned at the present eventful and interesting crisis of our political affairs—It is false too, that they have "greatly approved of the conduct of their representative in Congress;" his conduct has been at variance with the judgment and wishes of a very great majority of his constituents within my acquaintance in the district; and I do know that many of his best friends have condemned his votes generally. They have felt the most keen indignation at the base and wicked imputations which they, in common with their countrymen, have sustained through the insolence and intrigue of the French nation; and this they were impatient to assert and maintain; which they have now done by means of a candid and unequivocal avowal of their attachment to, and approbation of their own government."

I have felt it my indispensable duty to vindicate the misrepresented character of Westmoreland by this circumstantial detail, from the insidious and malicious allegations of its false, secret and anonymous enemy. Having been a witness to the facts stated, for the accuracy of which I solemnly pledge myself.

HENRY SMITH TURNER.

Prince William, July 21.
P. S. It is requested and hoped, that this will be admitted wherever the said communication has been published."

FOR SALE,
A New Double Geared MILL,

WITH 12 1/2 acres of land, lying in the county of Henrington, five miles below Richmond, and one from James river, adjoining the land of William Randolph, of Wilton, and Col. William Meth—A good dwelling house, lately repaired, at the mill, which will accommodate a small family. This mill is situated on a never failing stream, and watered by a canal which has flood the greatest facility, without damage, there being no danger of her ever being blown up by floods of water. This mill was let to work in January last, and has ground upwards of six hundred barrels of corn, all country grain. A great bargain may be had in this property, as my state of health will not allow me to pay that attention to business which it requires. The many local advantages attending this property, make it unnecessary to give any further description. Persons wishing to purchase will view the premises, and judge for themselves. One third of the purchase money will be expected in hand, one third in eighteen months, and the remainder in two years. Interest from the date will be required, if not punctually paid. A security on the property to insure payment will be taken, and an undoubted title will be given. HALES SHARPE. Henrico county, Four Mile-Creek, } August 2, 1798. (1)

22. V. 13. 15. 16. 17. 18. 19. 20. 21. 22. 23. 24. 25. 26. 27. 28. 29. 30. 31. 32. 33. 34. 35. 36. 37. 38. 39. 40. 41. 42. 43. 44. 45. 46. 47. 48. 49. 50. 51. 52. 53. 54. 55. 56. 57. 58. 59. 60. 61. 62. 63. 64. 65. 66. 67. 68. 69. 70. 71. 72. 73. 74. 75. 76. 77. 78. 79. 80. 81. 82. 83. 84. 85. 86. 87. 88. 89. 90. 91. 92. 93. 94. 95. 96. 97. 98. 99. 100.

RICHMOND, Aug. 14.

On the eighth instant, arrived, GENERAL MARSHALL. He was escorted about forty miles by the Richmond Troop of Horse, under the command of Captain William Austin—(upon meeting the General a congratulatory address was presented by the Company.) As he drew nearer to the city, he was met by Captain Richardson's Company of Light Infantry Blues—by the Governor, Some of the Councilors of State, Old Officers, and an immense concourse of the inhabitants of this place and its environs. The Hanover Troop of Cavalry turned out, on this occasion, to a man; and, as he passed along the road, the neighbouring citizens came in all directions, to behold the defender of their common rights. As he passed the ramparts of the city, a salute was fired by Captain Duncanson's Artillery, who had taken a station on the suburbs for the purpose. In fine, the joy of the day was of so infectious a nature, that each patriotic bosom caught the generous contagion, until the glow of enthusiasm became as general as it was laudable.—It is thus that wisdom and virtue—patriotism and firmness will ever be rewarded by a free, enlightened, and grateful people.

When future generations shall peruse the history of America, they will find the name of Marshall on its sacred page, as one of the brightest ornaments of the age in which he lived.

Behold him, Virginians! as the unsuccessful messenger of PEACE! After having, in conformity to his instructions and according to the will of his country, "drained," (in the language of WASHINGTON) "the last drop of the cup of reconciliation"—he has returned to confirm the intelligence, that nothing short of national degradation will be received by the Directory as the price of accommodation—or, rather, as the preliminary to negotiation.

Let us compare the wisdom and moderation of our own Ministers, to the pride and insolence—the sophistry and corruption of the government of France; and purely nothing but the most extraordinary delusion, will suffer us to hesitate in writing as one man, in opposition to the aggressions, the insults, and the injuries of that nation, which, under the name of Republicanism, has inflicted so much misery upon the human race.

ADDRESS of the TROOP of CAVALRY to GENERAL MARSHALL, presented and read by Dr. John Adams, the 8th inst. on meeting him in the county of Caroline, for the purpose of escorting him to town.

IN behalf of the Richmond troop now before you, permit me, fellow citizens and commander to tender you our warmest congratulations, and to express our most heartfelt joy on your return to your friends and country. The pleasure we received on hearing of your arrival in America, was commensurate with our apprehensions for your safety while abroad. Firmness like yours in guarding the rights and interests of your country; with the disclosure of practices of iniquity and corruption, which your frank communications unfold, we could not but fear might bring upon you unwarranted attacks from those whose biases you had made public.

Our kindest sympathies have attended you in your long and painful absence from the fond endearments of your family, and in the mortifications, which the indignities offered you must have occasioned; but we trust, that if a reward proportioned to such feeling can be conferred, you will find it in the conduct of your fellow-citizens since your return to them. Never were approbation and gratitude more strongly marked than in the reception which they have given you; and you cannot for a moment doubt, that the not the least of the French directory, you possess a place in the affections of your fellow-citizens, which will do you immortal honor, and reflect eternal disgrace upon those who could attempt to depreciate your merit.

We lament that we could not have met you sooner. Expressions of approbation from us who have known you in all the relative duties of a citizen and a man, cannot be amongst the least acceptable; and allow me to assure you that each step of your progress to your residence has given increased strength to our feelings: that at this moment, the bosom of every member of this troop is warmed with the most generous exultation in once more beholding a much loved and a much respected fellow-citizen;—that we most highly applaud every part of your public conduct;—that we owe you a debt of gratitude for your manly support of our rights;—and that when the voice of our country shall call us to the field under your command, we will alike manifest our attachment to your person and to our independence—our faith word shall be, to live free or die gloriously.

To which GENERAL MARSHALL returned the following Answer.

GENTLEMEN, THE marked attentions which I receive on this occasion from the Richmond troop, have made on my heart an impression which time can never efface.

My absence from my family and friends, has indeed been long and painful, and the indignities offered to the United States through the persons of their representatives, could not but be keenly felt by men accustomed to consider the American republic a respectable and independent nation, possessing all the rights which appertain to sovereignty and self government.—For such of those unpleasant feelings as were personal, your sympathies—your kind and warm reception, added to that of my other fellow citizens, forms the sweetest reward—for those which were excited by public considerations—that manly spirit which seems to animate the American bosom—that love of liberty and of country, which seems to glow in almost every breast, form the surest consolation, because they prove that such contempt was unwarranted, and has neither found nor produced a degraded subject people.

The obliging expressions bestowed by your par-

tial regard in the exertions made in conjunction with my late colleagues, and in obedience to the instructions of our government to promote the interests of our common country—expressions attested by those whose friendship I highly value, have often proved, and do most sincerely reciprocate, are the dearest to me, because, having long known me in all the relative duties of a citizen and a man, your sentiments are believed to be permanent, and I love to think that no vicissitude in human affairs will induce you to regret having displayed them.

Returning from a nation whose power is immense, and whose hostile temper towards America, the amiable disposition and pacific efforts of our government have been unable to soothe, I delight to perceive that I was not mistaken in believing that when your duty as the citizens of a free republic—when the voice of your country should call you to the field—you would manifest your attachment to its independence, and your faith word would be, to live free or die gloriously.

The sentiment is worthy of free men—is worthy of you. It is the sentiment by which national liberty and independence are to be preserved. I know you too well to doubt the sincerity with which it is uttered, or the fidelity with which it will be observed. Should the exigencies of your country require your aid as armed citizens, I feel the most entire confidence that it will be afforded in a manner most honorable to yourselves; and I cannot view you without exulting in the recollection, that you are attached to the brigade I have the honor to command.

J. MARSHALL.

Thursday last the Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen of the City waited on GEN. MARSHALL, with the following address.

TO GEN. JOHN MARSHALL.

SIR, The Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen and Common Council of Richmond, participating in the general joy of their fellow-citizens, offer you their sincere congratulations upon your safe return from an anxious and perilous mission to the bosom of a beloved country, family and friends; felicitating at the same time that country and themselves upon the restoration of so valuable a member at this critical period of our public affairs.

If reason and argument could have had any influence; if integrity, candor, and the pure spirit of conciliation, could have met with correspondent qualities in the government to which you were sent—smiling peace would have returned along with you to this her favorite abode. This not being the case, is a sufficient proof to us who know you, that peace was unattainable by any just and honorable means. We require no stronger evidence of the fixed hostility of the French government to our rights, liberty, and independence, than their refusal to treat with you; alarmed lest your penetration should unveil their treacherous designs, and depriving even of their prebendary in the well-tried arts of corruption.

But tho' you have not brought us peace, you have set us upon guard against that fly destruction which glides insensibly into a nation under her garb and name. You have taught us to beware of a government whose influence at a distance can enslave and almost paralyze; but whose touch is death. Perhaps we may owe to you the preservation of our excellent constitution (grown dearer to us by a comparison with others) and of our well-earned liberties; in fact, that we do not close the long and mournful procession of ruined republics, into which the unwise or impure attachment of their citizens to French politics, has introduced the Destroying Angel of each Despotism.

Whether you are allowed tranquilly to pursue the labours of your profession, or are called to display in the field the same energy in defence of your country's rights, which has distinguished you in the cabinet, we wish you that success which follows talents united with virtue, and the true reward of that virtue, an approving conscience, with the applause of all good men.

JOHN BARRET, Mayor.

Attest, ADAM CRAIG, Clerk of Common Hall, City of Richmond.

To which GEN. MARSHALL returned the following Answer.

Gentlemen, I RECEIVE with the most grateful sensibility the very friendly address with which you have been pleased to honor me. That my fellow citizens, my neighbors and my ancient friends, those who know me best, who have witnessed the course and tenor of my life, whose esteem has ever been most dear to me, and who have ever possessed my sincere and real affections, testify joy at my return to them; that to the flattering evidences of that joy which have been lavished on me, the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen and Common Council of Richmond, have added the most unequivocal assurances of their participation in it, more than compensates the anxieties inseparable from the mission on which I have been employed.

While I declare the strong regrets I feel in common with you and all my countrymen, that "smiling peace" no longer makes this her favorite a bode; while I lament that the sincere and long continuing efforts of the American government, corresponding truly with the feelings and wishes of the American people, for the restoration of our broken relations with France, have hitherto produced only increased injury and accumulated contempt, I do not think that either policy or patriotism require me to conceal from you the firm and deep conviction of my mind, that accommodation with the French Republic on terms consistent with the independence of the United States has been long impracticable, and that you judge rightly when you say that "peace was unattainable by any just and honorable means."

If, as I trust and believe, the people of the United States value rightly their national independence, and the blessing of that liberty which we enjoy under our free and happy constitution; if they are awake to the countless dangers which lurk beneath "unwise foreign attachments; if they are true and faithful to themselves, I feel a pride in believing that they cannot be compelled to close the long and mournful procession of ruined republics."

Receive, gentlemen, my warm acknowledgments for your obliging and affectionate wishes concerning myself; and while I sincerely reciprocate them, permit me to assure you that in every possible situation your happiness and the welfare of the citizens of Richmond will be dear to my heart.

J. MARSHALL.

PATRIOTIC FEAST!

On Saturday last, an elegant entertainment was given by the Citizens of Richmond, Manchester, and their vicinity, in honor of their respected and highly beloved fellow citizen, GEN. MARSHALL.

There were present, his Excellency James Wood, three of the members of the Honorable, The Council of State, most of the Old Continental Officers, resident in and near the city, and about two hundred of the most respectable citizens.

No Tavern in the city being of capacity to accommodate so numerous a company. The Rev'd Mr. Buchanan's Spring, distant about a mile, was selected as the place of entertainment.—The company assembled about two o'clock, and while pleasure beamed in every countenance, the General was encircled by the citizens, when the following address was presented by Mr. Bushrod Washington:

RECEIVE, Sir, the affectionate congratulations of your fellow-citizens of Richmond, and its vicinity, on your safe return to this city, after having honorably and faithfully discharged your duty in the important mission to which you were called by the wisdom of the executive councils of America.—Having been accustomed to esteem your known integrity and many amiable qualities in private life, we are proud to acknowledge that we feel our attachment and respect considerably heightened and increased by your virtuous exertions abroad, in maintaining the dignity, the honor, and independence of your country. We retrace your conduct with pleasure, and rejoice to think that one of our most distinguished patriots went forth at the public call from this city to advocate the cause of his injured country, and that he maintained it with ability, fortitude, and manly freedom, against the insidious designs of her enemies, at the very seat of their empire, notwithstanding the numerous difficulties to which he was exposed.

For we are sensible, Sir, of the critical situation in which you found yourself placed upon that occasion. Removed at an immense distance from the councils of your country, and cut off from the benefits of a free correspondence with them by the vigilance of your adversaries, you had displayed before your eyes one of the most anxious scenes that ever agitated the human mind.—On one side you beheld France respecting no laws, human or divine, but glorying in her might, armed with success, and frantic with ambition, meditating universal conquest, and grasping at the empire of the earth.—On the other, you beheld your infant country but just emerged from late and serious difficulties, desirous of maintaining neutrality, of cultivating peace, and pursuing a system of faith and justice towards all nations, menaced with hostilities and internal dissensions by an imperious government, which is callous to the dictates of morality and justice, and knows no laws but those of force and violence; a government which repaid all your efforts for justice and reconciliation with contumely and disdain, and threatened, unless complying the dignity of your country, you would purchase for her a frail and temporary peace by exhausting her resources, to deluge her plains with blood, and confound her amidst the misery and ruin in which they had involved some of the deluded nations of Europe. This was a scene calculated to excite all the most powerful passions of the heart, and to embarrass the judgment with their conflicts, but a generous mind did not hesitate to decide, and we have the satisfaction to say that, relying on the candor, virtue, and long tried perseverance of your countrymen, you nobly disdained the profligate proposal, and with honest firmness rejected every proposition which tended to commit the safety, honor, and independence of the nation you represented, declaring to despotism itself, that America, equal to every difficulty, would brave every danger, and submit to every calamity, rather than yield up her liberty, or surrender her independence.—But, Sir, we have the satisfaction to believe your anxiety is relieved, upon returning to a grateful country which receives you back again into its bosom with delight, to find you were not deceived in the opinion which you had formed of the candor, virtue, and firmness of your fellow citizens; that your predictions have been literally verified, and that every preparation is already making by a wide and virtuous government to repel the danger—that France, though terrible to her neighbors, by her arms and intrigues, will find in this distant region virtue superior to both, and a hardy race of men united in sentiment, impregnable to seduction, and prepared to endure all the labor, fatigue, and danger of the longest and bloodiest war to maintain their independence, and to transmit unshackled to posterity, that hallowed liberty which they adore.

We believe too, Sir, that to a mind like yours, it must afford the highest consolation to remark the immense difference there is between the dignified conduct and many virtues of those who administer your own government, and the detestable vices of those who have usurped the government of France:—Between the order and liberty which exist here, and the violence and despotism that prevail there; between that justice, moderation, and anxious attention to the public good, which form the characteristic of those who administer our own government, and the injustice, violence and scandalous pursuit of their own private aggrandizement, which distinguish those who in France have put all liberty, authority, and safety under their feet.

Return therefore, Sir, to this Land of Freedom, and into a country, which glories in your virtues, and repays your generous exertions with thanks and approbation, the highest rewards to a virtuous mind; and may the manly and dignified conduct which you have displayed upon that occasion, and which justly excites the gratitude of your country, serve to convince future generations, that he who would acquire the approbation and affection of a brave and free people, should never hesitate to expose them to war and difficulty, rather than commit their independence or surrender the smallest portion of their liberty. For possessed of these, the temporary difficulties of a war, which is resisted in order to support them, are easily sustained, but deprived of them, men who aspire to the exalted character of Freemen would view all other joys as poisoned and embittered, and would turn with loathing and disgust from every other comfort in life. But, Sir, permit us to observe, that whilst we applaud your conduct, we approve likewise of the wisdom of that government which selected you; whilst we receive you with affection and gratitude at the place of your residence, and rejoice to see you restored to the arms of a virtuous family, we praise, we admire, and ardently love that government which you have so ably defended; and so far from agreeing to prostrate its independence at the feet of another nation, we will with united hands and hearts rally round

its standard, and court danger and death under all their forms, sooner than permit its measures to be controlled by foreign influence.

In fine, we will never consent to survive the government and independence of America which we have covenanted to maintain, but we will transmit them life and unimpaired to posterity, or perish in the struggle to preserve them.—Permit us also to express, Sir, the high satisfaction which we derive in an opportunity of proving by this public testimonial of our confidence in your integrity, judgment and veracity, how greatly the despots of France have deceived themselves when they ventured to believe, that a candid country would not sooner confide in the representations of their own ministers and fellow citizens, than in the insidious relations of the despicable emissaries of falsehood, faction and intrigue, endeavored to be disseminated amongst them by the emissaries of a gloomy despotism, which hates and plots the destruction of that happiness abroad, which it has annihilated at home.

Be pleased, Sir, to accept our sincere wishes for your future health and welfare; and as we trust that you will continue to merit the esteem of mankind, in we hope that you will always receive the benedictions and most unqualified approbation of your country.

To which the General plinly delivered the following ANSWER.

I WILL not, Gentlemen, attempt to describe the emotions of joy which my return to my native country, and particularly to this city, has excited in my mind; nor can I paint the sentiments of affection and gratitude towards you, which my heart has ever felt, and which the kind and partial reception now given me by my fellow citizens, cannot fail to increase. He only who has been long absent from a much loved country, and from friends greatly and deservedly esteemed—whose return is welcomed with expressions which, dictated by friendship, surpass his merits or his hopes, will judge of feelings to which I cannot do justice.

The situation in which the late envoys from the United States to the French republic found themselves in Paris, was indeed attended with the unpleasant circumstances which you have traced. Removed far from the councils of their country, and receiving no intelligence concerning it, the scene before them could not fail to produce the most anxious and disquieting sensations. Neither the ambition, the power, nor the hostile temper of France, was concealed from them:—nor could they be unacquainted with the earnest and unceasing solicitude felt by the government and people of the United States for peace. But amidst these difficulties, they possessed as guides, clear and explicit instructions, a conviction of the firmness and magnanimity, as well as of the justice and pacific temper of their government, and a strong reliance on that patriotism and love of liberty, which can never cease to glow in the American breast. With these guides, however thorny the path of duty might be, they could not mistake it. It was their duty, unmindful of personal considerations, to pursue peace with unabating zeal, through all the difficulties with which the pursuit was embarrassed by a haughty and victorious government, holding in perfect contempt the rights of others, but to repel with unhesitating decision, any propositions, an acceptance of which would subvert the independence of the United States. This they have endeavored to do. I delight to believe that their endeavors have not disappointed their government or country, and it is most grateful to my mind to be assured that they receive the approbation of my fellow citizens in Richmond, and its vicinity.

I rejoice that I was not mistaken in the opinion I had formed of my countrymen. I rejoice to find, though they know how to estimate, and therefore seek to avoid the horrors and the dangers of war, yet they know also how to value the blessings of liberty and national independence: They know that peace would be purchased at too high a price by bending beneath a foreign yoke, and that peace purchased, could be but of short duration. The nation thus submitting, would be soon involved in the quarrels of its master, and would be compelled to exhaust its blood and its treasure, not for its own liberty, its own independence, or its own rights, but for the aggrandizement of its oppressor. The modern world unapprehensively but too plainly demonstrates this proposition. I pray Heaven that America may never contribute to its still further elucidation.

Terrible to her neighbors on the continent of Europe, as all must admit France to be, I believe that the United States, if indeed united, if awake to the impending danger, if capable of employing their whole, their undivided force—are so situated as to be able to preserve their independence. An immense ocean placed by a gracious providence, which seems to watch over this rising empire, between us and the European world, opposes of itself such an obstacle to invading ambition, useful to diminish the force which can be brought to bear upon us, that our resources, if duly exerted, must be adequate to our protection, and we shall remain free, if we do not deserve to be slaves.

You do me justice, gentlemen, when you suppose that consolation must be derived from a comparison of the administration of the American government, with that which I have lately witnessed. To a citizen of the United States, so familiarly habituated to the actual possession of liberty, that he almost considers it as the inseparable companion of man, a view of the despotism, which, borrowing the garb and usurping the name of freedom, tyrannizes over so large and so fair a portion of the earth, must teach the value which he ought to place on the solid safety and real security he enjoys at home. In support of these, all temporary difficulties, however great, ought to be encountered, and I agree with you, that the loss of them would poison and embitter every other joy, and that deprived of them, men who aspire to the exalted character of free men, would turn with loathing and disgust from every other comfort in life.

To me, gentlemen, the attachment you manifest to the government of your choice, affords the most sincere satisfaction. Having no interests separate from, or opposed to, those of the people, being themselves subject in common with others, to the laws they make, being soon to return to that mass from which they are selected for a time in order to conduct the affairs of the nation, it is no means probable that those who administer the government of the United States can be actuated by other motives than the sincere desire of promoting the real prosperity of those whose duties involve their own, and in whose ruin they must participate. Desirable as it is at all times a due confidence in our government, it is peculiarly so in a moment

of peril like the present, in a moment when the want of that confidence must impair the means of self defence, must increase a danger already too great, and furnish, or at least give the appearance of furnishing, to a foreign real enemy, those weapons which have so often been so successfully used.

Accept, gentlemen, my grateful acknowledgements for your kind expressions concerning myself, and do me the justice to believe, that your prosperity, and that of the city of Richmond and its vicinity, will ever be among the first wishes of my heart.

J. MARSHALL.

The company then sat down to a dinner, which, for plenty and elegance, may have been equalled, but certainly never was surpassed in America.—To the exertions of a worthy fellow-citizen, who politely undertook to superintend the preparation on this occasion, the company felt and acknowledged themselves under particular obligations.

The General was placed at table on the right of the Mayor, who presided for the day, with the colors of Austin's Cavalry and Richardson's Light Infantry Blues, planted on either hand, and those of the United States, displayed from the top of an adjacent oak, waved triumphantly over the whole.

The subscription paper to this entertainment was headed in a style to preclude those who did not unequivocally approve the public conduct of General Marshall; and the following toasts must evince to the world, the Federalism of the citizens assembled on this occasion:

1. The United States—May their citizens never forget that virtue is the basis of their government; and that true virtue, never can exist without true religion. (A gun and 3 cheers.)

2. The President of the United States—The man whose policy and himself, have placed America in a situation, that will bid defiance to party rage at home, as well as to the haughty menaces of an imperious and insulting foe—the French Directory. (A gun and 9 cheers.)

3. George Washington, Lieutenant General and Commander in Chief of the armies of the United States—May he live to convince the few dispirited Americans, whom envy and base ingratitude, (with French intrigue) have raised against him, that "take him all in all," he has never been equalled in public virtue and patriotism, either in ancient or modern times. (A gun and 9 cheers.)

4. "Theodore Sedgwick, President protem of the Senate—The man truly worthy to fill that important station—whose philosophy never taught him to desert his post in the time of danger and alarm. (A gun, 9 cheers and bursts of applause.)

5. Timothy Pickens—The firm statesman and enlightened patriot—May his virtuous exertions in favor of his country meet the universal applause and approbation of his fellow-citizens. (A gun & 9 cheers.)

6. Oliver Wolcott—The upright, zealous, able, and indefatigable financier. (A gun and 3 cheers.)

7. James M'Henry—May his abilities and exertions, continue to receive the esteem of his country. (A gun and 3 cheers.)

8. General Pinckney—The firm, honest, and independent American minister, whom no considerations could induce to surrender his country's honor, or to barter away the dear bought independence of America. (A gun and 9 cheers.)

9. The Army—The Volunteer Corps, and the Militia of the United States—May they always be found the virtuous supporters of their own government—ever ready to oppose the wicked and ambitious in their views against the liberty and independence of their country. (A gun & 9 cheers.)

10. The Infant Navy of the United States—May its progress to maturity, be both rapid and splendid. (A gun and 3 cheers.)

11. The memory of those Heroes who so nobly rendered up their lives in defence of American liberty. (A gun and 9 cheers.)

12. May Americans ever be ready to pay their just debts, but never to purchase a treaty. (A gun and 9 cheers.)

13. The Friends and Supporters of the present administration—May their upright views continue to merit that happy increase of numbers, which encourages a strong belief, that the people of America will shortly be found to be one people. (A gun and 9 cheers.)

14. The Majority in both Houses of Congress—May increasing popularity and confidence, be the reward of their wisdom and firmness. (A gun and 9 cheers.)

15. The Youth of the United States—May learning and science flourish amongst them; and while they exceed their fires, in these respects, may they emulate their courage and patriotism. (A gun and nine cheers.)

16. The virtuous Daughters of Columbia—May they never be sacrificed in the arms of sycophants or false patriots. (A gun and 9 cheers.)

General Marshall being called upon for a toast—

17. The Citizens of Richmond and its vicinity—May their prosperity keep pace with their patriotism. (A gun and 9 cheers.)

VOLUNTEERS.

May Americans, ever understand this truth—that opposition to our government, is to co-operate with our enemies.

Captain Dunscomb's artillery having now joined their fellow citizens at the table—the following toast was given:

The Richmond Artillery—May success always attend them.

(General Marshall having retired)

GENERAL MARSHALL—May a wreath composed of oak and laurel,* under which he has this day sat, supported by the American Eagle, encircle the temples of the man, whom his country delights to honor. (16 cheers.)

The company then, as with one voice, insisted upon escorting the General to his own door; which was done in the following order:—the whole marching by files.

General Marshall, with the Governor, at the head of Dunscomb's Artillery—the citizens on foot, and the rear closed with those on horse back.

Thus was the man of the people conducted to his own door, under a band of military music, and the colors which had been displayed during the day, where the company arrived about dusk, and took their leave under loud and repeated hosannas.

* Alluding to the band of colors presented to Richardson's Light Infantry—being a blue standard with 13 stars neatly painted—a soldier's head in the center, encircled with a wreath of oak and laurel—the motto—Si seculo feceris.

ANOTHER FEAST.

Some of the citizens of Richmond, understanding early in last week, that John Clopton, Esq. their Representative in Congress, would be in town, for the first time since his return, proposed giving him a dinner at Mr. Goodall's tavern, on Saturday last, which was done by a number of his friends.

They had also appointed William Foushee, Geo. C. Taylor, Alexander M'Kee, Philip N. Nicholas, and Thomas B. Robinson, Esquires, as a committee to draft and deliver an address to Mr. Clopton—the following was presented by Captain Nicholas, attended by the rest of the committee, in presence of a numerous and respectable company.

TO JOHN CLOPTON, Esq. Representative in Congress, for the District composed of the Counties of Hanover, Henrico, New-Kent, Charles City, and James City.

SIR, At a time when the public Enthusiasm has been directed to an unqualified approbation of the measures of administration, and of a majority of the legislature, a number of your constituents & friends, feeling their right to express their sentiments on this momentous crisis of American affairs, offer you their opinions on the measures which have been adopted by Congress, and received the sanction of the President of the United States.

Viewing in some of those measures a violation of the constitution, and an infringement of the liberties of America, we beg leave to express to you, our high sense of the Patriotism, and political wisdom, which actuated you to oppose them. At a time when the liberties of America are assailed by Legislative encroachment, and when our constitution is threatened with a complete overthrow, the rights of the people can have no safeguard, but in their own energy and vigilance; but that energy and vigilance should be exerted in a manner prescribed by the constitution of our country. Those men who have sanctioned such measures as violate the constitution, cease to deserve the confidence of their constituents, and should be reduced to that station, when by feeling the operation of tyrannical and oppressive laws, they may repent their having been the instruments of political encroachment. A majority of the legislature, chosen by the unbiased and unbought suffrages of the people, may generally be intrusted with the liberties, and happiness of their country; but History will demonstrate that majorities have been found, who would subscribe to the surrender of the rights and privileges of their constituents. Our confidence in legislative majorities should therefore be qualified, and restrained, and though for the honor of America, we trust, that a majority of those members of Congress, who supported the edition and a lien bill, were not actuated by motives destructive to the liberties of their constituents; yet we cannot but consider those measures as inflicting a vital wound on our happy constitution.

Sedition is a crime not known to the constitution of our country; and a Free Government needs no other support than the affections of its citizens, if they are protected in the peaceful enjoyment of the fruits of their industry, of private security and personal liberty, they will defend the government (the source of so much happiness) with their lives and fortunes; but a weak or unprincipled administration, is obliged to resort to the most violent measures for its support, a restraint of the liberty of speech and the press, an alien bill, a reign of "debtors, inquisitors and spies."—If this bill is marked with the most frightful features of tyranny and oppression, the alien bill presents an aspect, which stamps it indelibly as a member of the same political family; they both violate the constitution; they both wound civil liberty; they both increase Executive influence; they both intrude into the retirement of domestic life, poison its enjoyments by raising up a race of informers, and planting distrust, jealousy, and fear, where there should exist confidence, harmony, and friendship. The alien bill imposes a restriction on the right of emigration which was secured by the provision of the constitution to the respective States, the only provision which that constitution had declared immutable at this time. By this imposition a great source of population, strength and wealth to the Southern States has been closed, and an advantage, which was secured by a compromise to the Southern States, at the expense of an important concession to the Northern, at the time when our government was formed, has been abandoned by this violation of the constitution. The trial by jury, that standard of justice between man and man, that palladium of social rights, has been annihilated, by surrendering the persons of aliens to the uncontrolled and despotic authority of an executive magistrate.

Acts that violate our chartered rights, have no binding force, and are not entitled to the respect or obedience of the people; when they must choose between obedience to measures adopted by their own servants, and an adherence to the constitution, it must not be doubted, but that they will cling to the constitution, as the rock of their political salvation:—Nor is the Legislature to be the Judge when that constitution is infringed. The people are the dread Tribunal, before whom the violators of the constitution are to be arraigned; for, should the constituted authorities, who violate the charter of their own existence, at the same time judge of that violation, it would secure to political crimes, political impunity, and put redress out of the reach of the people.

We turn with pleasure, from men and measures, whose views and tendencies are the subversion and debasement of the constitution and liberties of America, to a manly and virtuous resistance against legislative, and executive encroachment upon that constitution, and those liberties, which the best blood and treasure of America were exhausted to obtain.

Yourself, your colleagues, and the representatives of our sister States who coincided with you in sentiment, have obtained, as they have merited, the confidence and affection of their countrymen; and while you and they possess the best offerings of republicans (the approbation of a free people) set them despite the unavailing attacks of calumny and misrepresentation.

Welcome again, Sir, into the bosom of your family and friends!—May you in domestic retirement enjoy that tranquil and unchequered happiness, which by your exertions in the cause of American peace, liberty, and happiness, you are so eminently entitled to.

To which the following answer was returned by Mr. Clopton.

Gentlemen,

IN receiving from you this kind and affectionate address, it would indeed be an affliction.

of indifference, were I to refrain from expressing the pleasure which your approbation of my conduct, as your representative, has imparted to me. Such assurances of your own approbation, & that of my fellow citizens who unite in that with you sentiment, would at any time be highly gratifying; but I feel them peculiarly interesting to my heart at this momentous crisis, when measures involving important consequences to our country, have been adopted.

From the period of my early youth, when the principles of republicanism first dawned in America, I venerated those principles, and have not ceased to cherish them; to cherish and preserve those principles, and the constitution of our country, I own has ever been among the first wishes of my heart; and my opposition to the sedition and alien bills, to which you allude, arose from a belief, that they were not compatible with either. Hence I conceived it to be a sacred duty to oppose the passage of both of those bills.

I participate with you in trusting, that the majority of Congress, who supported them, were not actuated by any motives hostile to the constitution or liberties of their constituents: Yet, having the same right to judge and determine for myself, which they had, I could not yield up that right, and in those instances, (as I hope I shall in all others) I followed the dictates of my conscience, and the best judgment I was able to exercise. However improper any of the measures of government may be deemed to be, I have full confidence that the requisite energy and vigilance of the people of this country over their rights, will not be exerted in any other manner than that prescribed by the constitution. In this sentiment I am sure you fully concur with me, as well as in zeal for the constitution. Conscious of having endeavored, in all my public conduct, to promote no other than the genuine interests and happiness of America, I cannot feel myself diminished by any attack of calumny or misrepresentation.

Permit me, Gentlemen, to express to you my grateful sense of your kind wishes for my personal happiness in the bosom of my family and friends.

Though I cannot feel any satisfaction in society superior to that which I derive from your confidence and good opinion of me, yet I can truly say my endeavors to deserve both, will be unceasing.

I sincerely wish you uninterrupted happiness—May yours and mine be ever attended with the general happiness and prosperity of our common country.

JOHN CLOPTON.

After the address was presented, the company sat down to a dinner prepared for the occasion.—The following toasts were drank.

WILLIAM FOUSHEE, in the Chair.

1. The people of the United States—Unanimous in their determination to repel the attacks of any foreign foe, may they be equally unanimous in watching with vigilance the administration of their government.

2. The constitution—May all those appointed under it, ever bear in remembrance that it was made by the people for the guidance of their servants, and that the sovereign people will be obeyed.

3. Union—Devoutly to be wished, in support of the liberty, independence, constitution and happiness of our country.

4. Thomas Jefferson—whose name will be revered as long as patriotism shall be esteemed a virtue, or philosophy and science ornaments to the character of man.

5. James M'Henry—May his retirement be as happy as his public services have been honorable to himself and useful to his country.

6. James Monroe—While only errors have been a zeal and vigil in defence of the cause of republicanism, the true principles of the American constitution, and a devotion of his life to the service of the United States.

7. Henry Taxwell, and Stephens Thompson Mason—While public virtue and distinguished talents reflect a lustre on the State they represent.

8. John Nicholas—Who regardless of the calumny of his opponents boldly points the way to happiness and independence.

9. William B. Giles—Who defends no sovereignty but that of the people.

10. John Taylor of Caroline—The virtuous citizen, firm patriot, and intelligent statesman.

11. Albert Gallatin—Whom the justice of posterity will enroll with the Hampdens and the Sidneys, while the calumny of his enemies will with their names be consigned to merited oblivion.

12. Edward Livingston—That liberty of the press which he has so ably defended will hand down to posterity the lasting monuments of his talents, eloquence and virtue.

13. The minority of Congress—The representatives of the real interests of the people.

14. The next Congressional election—May the people vindicate their violated constitution, and outraged liberties.

15. The memory of Benjamin Franklin—The scourge of tyrants, but the friend of man.

16. The republican Press throughout the United States—May the freedom of their press triumph over executive persecution.

Mr. Clopton having retired:

JOHN CLOPTON—the Representative of this district—May he continue to possess in as high a degree as he has merited, the confidence of the people.

A number of patriotic toasts were also given, all equally animated and patriotic.

A STANDARD OF COLORS.
RENDERED HONORABLE IN THE
"ERICA REVO" N,
As voted to the
RICHMOND LIGHT INFANTRY BLUES.

THE Company being formed on their parade ground, on Wednesday morning last, to march out of town to receive their beloved fellow-citizen, General Marshall, on his return from his embassy to France, and to escort him in, William Heth, late Colonel of the 3d Virginia Regiment, having notified Captain Richardson his intention to present the company with a Standard of Colors, which had been in service, arrived about ten o'clock. The company being immediately ordered to present arms, the Colonel read the following address, viz:

TO CAPTAIN WILLIAM RICHARDSON, of the RICHMOND LIGHT INFANTRY BLUES.

SIR, To prove how highly I estimate the services of you and your officers in every respect, to discharge the duties of the honorable appointments which you now fill, and to which you, Sir, have been called by the unanimous voice of so respectable a corps, I now present you a Standard of colors; with this reservation only, that if the company which you now command, should dwindle into nothing, the colors shall be restored to me.

I will offer no other apology for their not being new, than that of assuring you, they were never displayed, but in the glorious contest, which gave FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE TO AMERICA. And when I add, that they belonged to a detach-

ment of the Virginia line under my command, honorably preserved with my baggage, before the surrender of Charlestown, the history of that important event in the affairs of America, will inform you, that though the detachment fell with the garrison, its standard was never disgraced.

I therefore now hand them to you, Sir, in full confidence, that, so long as they are borne by so gallant an officer, as I know my young friend Ensign John Davidson will make; and shall be supported by that courage, which men, taking up arms on occasions like the present, and composed of characters like those I now address, will ever display—they can never be dishonored.

I feel a confidence also, that the preservation of our INDEPENDENCE and NATIONAL HONOR, will ever be supported by you, and the company which you now command, with all that true courage, zeal, and fortitude, which were so eminently manifested in the purchase; and with which this vast continent was so nobly animated in the ever memorable years of seventy-five and seventy-six. Yes, Sir, what many of the youth of your company now feel, I felt then; and if truth must out, what I have for some time past began to feel again—For, I spurn the very idea of PEACE, under the humiliating and disgraceful terms, on which it is proffered; it can now alone be purchased; and I hold private considerations of every kind, however pathetically they may plead to the feelings of human nature, or however emphatically they may pull the most tender heart-strings of man, as mere baubles, when put in competition with this single simple question:—Shall we purchase peace, with an indulgence—a kind of during pleasure possession of our LIBERTIES and INDEPENDENCE?—at the expense of NATIONAL DEGRADATION and DISHONOR?—and this, Sir, really appears to me, to be the only question, now necessary to be put, to any man professing a love of country; and, where those professions are genuine, the answer most assuredly will be—No—no—never;—and, may the first American tongue be blighted, that shall say—Yes.

Should you be called to the field of action, I have no doubt, but you, and your brave companions in arms, will acquire all the military fame and glory, I wish you; if so, be assured, you will die rich in honor, and loaded with the gratitude and applause of your country.

W. HETH,
Late Colonel of 3d Virginia
Regiment.

August 8th, 1798.

The Standard was then delivered to Ensign John Davidson, the proper salute being given by the company, Capt. Richardson returned the following answer, viz:

SIR, I RECEIVE with the most cordial satisfaction the Standard of colors which you now present to the Richmond Light Infantry Blues; and shall give them in charge to Ensign Davidson with all that confidence which naturally arises from knowledge of worth.—A Standard once displayed in the serious contest which gave freedom and independence to America, requires no apology for being again unfurled, when the full exercise of that freedom and independence is threatened or attacked.

So flattering a mark of attention from an old officer of your distinguished rank and merit in the late revolutionary war, cannot but inspire us individually, with the most lively emulation, to preserve, from dishonour, a Standard which has never yet been dishonored. Yes, Sir, the gallant soldier of '75 & '76 confiding to our care the sacred banner around which our fathers were accustomed to rally, in their glorious struggle for our inalienable inheritance, must retrace the noble feelings of the youthful patriot and soldier;—and should it be our lot to live in the field of battle the enemies of our country, we trust, that a constant recollection of the price of our independence will animate us with courage to deliver it at the hazard of our lives, sooner than purchase it with a handful of restrictions or assignments;—no, not a sacrifice that we would be compelled to give while the smallest chance remains of preserving it, as it was obtained, at the point of the bayonet.

While we request your acceptance, Sir, of our thanks for the Standard of colors, we beg leave to assure you of our fixed determination to support them at the hazard of all that is dear or valuable to us—and should your country once more require your personal services in the field, we hesitate not, to incense the hope that you will again behold your old Standard in the full possession of all the honors which it has so nobly purchased.

WILLIAM RICHARDSON, Capt. of the Richmond Light Infantry Blues.
WILLIAM HETH, Esq. Col. of the 3d Virginia Regiment, during the last five years of the American revolution.

The Colonel then addressing himself to the company, added the following animated sentiments, (which upon solicitation he has been good enough to commit to writing) viz:

"I will detain you, gentlemen, only to make an observation or two more—You must have readily discovered, from what I have said, that I found but little difficulty in making up my mind, not to withdraw myself from the tempestuous scenes which appear to be in preparation, should my country be in danger, and my services be required; and I trust, and hope, that every old soldier, yet fit for service, has also made up his mind to die in the last ditch, rather than relinquish the liberties, and independence of his country, to any power under heaven."

Then pointing to the Standard, which was beautifully waving, he added—"The pleasure which I feel on seeing that Standard unfurled, this day for the first time these 18 years, is more than I can well describe.—Knowing, the occasion to be, to welcome to our bosoms the man, so sincerely beloved and adored by all who know him, not more, on account of his many amiable and private virtues, than for his very superior abilities, and his integrity and superlative talents as a statesman; for we find him returning under the loudest applauses of a grateful and generous people from New York, the port of his landing, to the city of his residence, having disdained, under every species of threat and menace towards his injured country, to surrender a single iota of the honor, or just rights, at the altar of GALLIC influence and despotism."

A PRIVATE IN THE COMPANY.

We are authorized to say, that the letter which was taken from the Political Magazine of 1781, and published in this paper, of the 24th ult; signed John Adams, is a forgery.

For the address of the Hanover Cavalry, to General Marshall, and answer thereto, and also the answer of the president to the Field Officers of the 8th Regiment, see supplement extra.—Sundry new diversions are likewise inserted there.

NOTICE.

ALL persons having claims against the estate of James Clarke, jun. deceased, of this county, are desired to come forward with them, properly proven, at September court next, in order for an equal distribution among the different claimants.—By order of court
WILLIAM ROYALL, Sheriff.

Charles City county, August 31, 1798.

SUPPLEMENT EXTRAORDINARY.

RICHMOND, August 14.

Richmond, Aug: 14.

Hanover August 7th, 1798.
To JOHN MARSHALL, Esquire.

SIR,
THE officers and soldiers of the Hanover troop of Horse, have convened this day, to manifest their respect for, and congratulate on his return to his native State, a citizen dear to them for his private virtues, and rendered still dearer by his public services: The details of the negotiation exhibited in the publication of your official dispatches, furnish ample evidence that its failure may be ascribed to the rapacious and insatiable demands of the French Republic; and that your acquiescence therewith would have branded the United States with indelible dishonor.

It is a source of heartfelt consolation to us, Sir, that every measure which the most strenuous attachment to the happiness and welfare of your country, could have suggested, was essayed by the American embassy to accommodate the differences, subsisting between the two nations; and we hesitate not a moment in yielding implicit confidence to their declarations, "that if they could at will have selected the means of manifesting that attachment, a complete accomplishment of the objects of the mission would have been the prominent wish of their hearts."

Neither the time nor the occasion render it requisite to say more—accept, Sir, this testimony of our esteem, and may you be rewarded with the highest republican honors—the unanimous thanks of your grateful countrymen.

Signed in behalf of the Hanover troop.

BENJ. OLIVER, Jun. Capt.
F. O. KING, 1st Lieut.
RICHARD JONES, 2d Lieut.
CHARLES C. PAGE, Cornet.

To the OFFICERS and SOLDIERS, of the Hanover Troop of Horse.

ACCEPT, gentlemen, the sincere acknowledgments of a truly grateful mind, for the very favorable sentiment concerning me contained in your address. My return to my native State, an event long earnestly desired, is rendered to me still more agreeable by an approbation of services which, though unfortunately incapable of attaining the object to which they were directed, have yet been rendered with the purest wish to restore that peace, the interruption of which no man laments more than myself.

The impression which the publication of the papers relative to the late mission to France has made on your minds, is such as might be expected to have been made on genuine Americans loving exclusively their own country, and devoted to its liberty and independence. It is unhappily but too true that the demands of the French republic were rapacious and insatiable, and that a submission to them would have reduced the United States to the humble, dishonorable condition of a tributary and dependent nation.

I am happy, gentlemen, that you believe (and I can assure you that the fact justifies your opinion) that every measure which the most strenuous attachment to the happiness and welfare of their country could have suggested, was essayed by the American embassy to accommodate the difference subsisting between the two nations, and that if they could at will have selected the means of manifesting that attachment, those means would have been the complete accomplishment of the objects of their mission.

Receive, gentlemen, my sincere thanks for your flattering wishes concerning myself, and be assured they make on my mind a deep impression. I shall ever retain them in grateful remembrance, and shall ever hear with pleasure of the happiness and welfare of the officers and soldiers of the Hanover troop of horse.

J. MARSHALL.

ANSWER of the PRESIDENT of the UNITED STATES, to the Address of the Field Officers of the 8th Regiment, published in our paper of the 24th ult.

To the FIELD OFFICERS of the 8th Regiment of Militia in the county of Bath, in Virginia, with a Representative from each company, and a number of other respectable inhabitants.

GENTLEMEN, I HAVE seen nothing more patriotic or heroic than your unanimous address of the 9th July.

In looking back upon the French Revolution, I could wish you to consider whether in fact there has been any period when she has been faithful to her declarations of renouncing conquest and interference in the government of other nations, when, indeed, she has not employed her "means" and "diplomatic skill" among all the powers of Europe in her neighborhood as insidiously and hostile as she has ever employed them here.

If the powers which have been at war with her, have had the same causes of complaint and apprehension all a long, as we have at present, you may think them entitled to more charity, than when you believed them leagued for the purpose of restoring her ancient form of government.

That the French revolution, and all the convulsions in consequence of it, may terminate in favor of civil and religious liberty, of humanity, and the general good of the human species, is my sincere prayer, but in this I am perfectly clear, that mankind must unite against that spirit of AMBITION, AVARICE, LUXURY, FRAUD, and violence, which now prevails, or it will terminate in the destruction of SCIENCE, ARTS, MANUFACTURES, COMMERCE, and a restoration of savage barbarity.

struction of SCIENCE, ARTS, MANUFACTURES, COMMERCE, and a restoration of savage barbarity.

The entire satisfaction of Virginians in the decided measures adopted by our government in respect to France, is an auspicious Omen—more depends upon Virginia in the present moment than she may be aware of—it depends upon her to say whether this country has in it a faction to crush, a faction to be humbled in dust and ashes, before the indignant frowns of their injured, insulted, and offended country—The world must be changed more than I was aware of or ever believed to be possible, if Virginians are not Americans—your address is a demonstration that they are among the first who deserve that character.

JOHN ADAMS.

Philadelphia, July 27th, 1798.

FREDERICKSBURG, August 7.

On Saturday evening last arrived in town from the Westward, on his way to Richmond, our worthy fellow-citizen GEN. MARSHALL—He was immediately waited on by several respectable gentlemen, and invited to a public dinner at Mrs. Fithers' tavern, on Monday (yesterday) where a very numerous and respectable company of gentlemen of the town and neighborhood assembled to demonstrate their attachment to this distinguished character.

It gave infinite satisfaction to the company to observe the alacrity with which the young gentlemen who compose the corps of artillery, rushed out on this pleasing occasion, under the command of lieutenant Ingham.

After dinner the following toasts were drank under a discharge of cannon, and the afternoon spent with much conviviality and harmony.

TOASTS.

Gen. Spotswood, President—Gen. Pusey, Vice-President.

1. The United States—may they uniformly exhibit to the world, the solid advantages arising from a free but energetic government.—16 guns, 9 cheers.

2d. The President of the United States—may public gratitude and private affection be the reward of his integrity, disinterestedness and firmness.

3d. Lieutenant General George Washington, who again pledges himself to relinquish the pleasures of his peaceful abode for the toils and cares of a military life, when his country calls for the exercise of valor and talents.

4th. The government—may it persevere in an equal and honorable neutrality with all the world, and with firmness exercise its constitutional powers.

5th. The constituted authorities—may the happiness of their constituents be the result of their exertions.

6th. Those who support the administration of the general government, whose object can be no other than the security and happiness of our common country.

7th. Messrs Pinckney and Gerry, whose patriotism and virtues have withstood the intrigues and venality of France—may they soon arrive in their native land and be rewarded with the approbation of their countrymen.

8th. May all party distinctions cease, local prejudices be forgotten and may we all unite in promoting public good and private happiness.

9th. The governor and state of Virginia.

10th. The memory of those heroes who fell in defence of our liberty and independence.

11th. Our lives and fortunes for defence, but not a six pence for tribute.

12th. An end to discord—and may our only contest be, who shall exceed his neighbor in acts of patriotism, friendship and benevolence.

13th. The great family of mankind.

14th. Our infant navy—may it protect our commerce and command respect in every quarter of the world.

15th. Agriculture, manufactures, and commerce of the United States.

16th. The fair of America—may those only who deserve them, be rewarded with their love.

VOLUNTEER.

General Marshall—A hearty welcome to his native State—May his firm and independent spirit be imitated by every virtuous American.

BY Virtue of a deed of trust executed in me by James Porter, and wife, to secure the payment of one hundred pounds, which sum the said Porter is indebted to John Hughes, with interest from 15th December 1795. WILL BE SOLD on the premises, at public auction for ready money on the 22d day of September next, one half acre Lot of Land and Premises, in the town of Columbia, Fluvanna County, whereon the said Porter resides. Together with one Horse and all the household and kitchen Furniture, belonging to said Porter.

JO: WOODSON, Trustee.

August 5, 1798.

SEEDS.

MINTON COLLINS

RESPECTFULLY informs his friends and the public, that he has just received a fresh supply of red Clover, and Timothy seed, from the northern States, which is warranted to be of the last growth.

He has a general assortment of garden seeds which arrived in the last ship from London, likewise some fine red, blue, and white Hyacinths, and Polianthus Narcissus roots, glass flower bottles, painted and red flower pots, &c. which he will sell reasonably for CASH ONLY.

Richmond, August 13, 1798. (6w)

Alexandria Marine Insurance Company.

THE Public is respectfully informed that this company has commenced business; & from the extent of its Capital, it is believed, it is very safe for the Sums that will be done on each risk, which is generally from four, to six thousand dollars, if so much is wanted; and when the money Capital is increased by farther calls on the Stockholders, it is likely the Sums incurred on each risk will be extended. The Credit given for premiums is three months, coastways: four months to the West Indies, and six months to Europe.

Negotiable notes in the Bank of Alexandria with an approved Endorser in this place, will be accepted for the premium, so soon as any Insurance is effected.

Losses will be paid in ninety days, after proof & adjustment.

By order of the Directors
WILLIAM HARTSHORNE, President.
Alexandria 7 mo: 30th: 1798. (3w)

TO BE SOLD.

On Saturday the 15th September next, to the highest bidder, a King and Queen District Court, a valuable

Tract of level Land

WHEREON the late Col. Richard Tunstall resided; containing, by a late survey, five hundred and twenty four acres.—This land lies in the said county of King and Queen; on Mattaponi River, a few miles below Waukeston's ferry, where vessels of a considerable draught of water can load with ease.—There is on this land, a large dwelling house with four rooms, and a passage below, with some out houses, which, with a little repairing, can be made very convenient. Those who wish to see the land, will please apply to Edward Hall, who lives near the same. Eighteen months credit will be allowed the purchaser, giving bond and security to the King and Queen, July 10th, 1798.

TO STONE MASONS, AND BRICK MAKERS.

NOTICE is hereby given, that on Saturday the 18th inst. I shall attend at the Capitol, in the city of Richmond, in order to receive proposals for the procuring and laying of

1,830 PERCHES OF STONE,

and the making of

1,123,000 BRICKS.

The Stone to be laid and the Bricks made or delivered on the ground intended for the Public Manufactory of Arms on the James river Canal at the west end of Richmond.

JOHN CLARKE, Superintendent.
August 9, 1798.

NOTICE

I INTEND to petition the next General Assembly, for a divorce from my wife, Sally Bowles; and trust I shall be able to exhibit justificatory reasons for preferring the said petition.

PETER BOWLES.

Hanover, August 5, 1798. (1)
RAN-AWAY from the subscriber, living in Lunenburg county, on the first of this Instant, two likely negro fellows, to wit: Billy about 25 years of age, 5 feet eight or ten inches high, of the common complexion, very likely, and well made, has a scar on the outside of his right wrist on the joint; was formerly the property of Mr. Robert Price, of King William county, and brought by Mr. John Lord, of said county, into Lunenburg and sold to John Billops. His clothing, a black broad cloth coat with a black silk velvet cape, a green camelot coat with a red cape, a white plains coat without flirts, double breasted, a red cloth waistcoat striped with black, a pair corduroy breeches, a pair nankin do a pair mixt homespun do, a pair shoe-boots, an old hat. Bookler about 19 years of age, 5 feet 6 or 8 inches high, of the common complexion, had one oznaburg shirt, one thread and Cotton do a striped homespun waistcoat, a wool hat, homespun black coat—Was brought into Lunenburg, perhaps 6 or 8 years ago by Daniel Dobbins from Effa county, previous to which he belonged to the Dunn family of said county, one of whom said Dobbins married and thereby became his owner.

JOHN BILLOPS.

Lunenburg County, Aug: 11, 1798. (2w)

THE VIRGINIA GAZETTE, &c. EXTRAORDINARY.

RICHMOND: TUESDAY, AUGUST 21, 1798.

Twenty Dollars Reward.

RUN-AWAY from the subscriber, living in Carter's ville, Cumberland county, on the 27th of this month, a negro man named **DICK**, strong made, and active, about five feet eight or ten inches high, about twenty nine or thirty years of age, of a yellowish complexion, very artful and cunning; he has on a blue coat, a pair of brown breeches, with very large yellow buttons, and a pair of yellow calendered breeches, pretty much worn, and a pair of Virginia cloth overalls. I expect the said negro will make towards Eliza, where he was raised in a family of the Webb's; he has also been well acquainted about Frederick's town, and was used some years past to working at iron. This it to forewarn all persons from harboring or employing the said negro; also, all matters of vessels from playing or receiving him on board, as any such favor shown him will be rigorously dealt with under the law. The above reward will be paid for delivering the said slave to me, or securing him so that I get him again.

JAMES A. ARMISTEAD.
Cumberland county, July 30, 1798. (4*)

N. B. The said fellow lived for several years with Caleb Abel of Orange county.

RUN-AWAY from the subscriber, in Albemarle county, near Charlottesville, a few days ago, a negro man named **JUBA**, About twenty one years of age, middle sized, tolerably black, of a pleasing countenance, has lately had a white ring on his left shoulder and arm, which was of right well when he went off, occasioned a great fear, and could not get his arm as to put his hand to his head. Also, a large scar on his right hand, occasioned by a burn when young. He is a cunning artful fellow. I expect he will endeavor to go to Middleburg, as I purchased him last October at Richmond, out of the estate of one Mr. Carlin, of Middleburg. I will give eight dollars reward to any person that will apprehend the said fellow and secure him, so that I get him again.

THOMAS JONES.
August 3, 1798.

N. B. I forewarn all matters of vessels and others from taking him on board.

Will be Sold,
To be highest bidder, in the town of Dork, on Matapony river, in the county of King & Queen, on Friday the 14th of September next, if fall, if not the next fair day, the following

HOUSES and LOTS,

(IN SAID TOWN.)
A NEW Store House, occupied by Mr. John Scott, well built, has a good counting room, and two rooms above, with five places, and a brick chimney, a blacksmith's shop, and two half acres, well enclosed with white oak post and rail.

A large and two story Granary, fit into the river bank, built in the highest and best manner, has three floors and a brick cellar, and fronts the main street at the public landing—An half acre for adjoining, with a good foundation for a warehouse, granary, &c. and several springs which would answer for a mill or brewery.

A new dwelling house, pleasantly situated on an eminence in the center of the town, occupied by C. J. Thomas, Coleman, well built, has two rooms below and two above, with the parlor, an excellent black cellar, with a partition and five places, a new kitchen, a bath, and a half acre, well enclosed with white oak post and rail. A stream of water runs through one of the lots and affords a situation for a mill, &c.

An unoccupied lot, of about seven years, in a large and well situated street, occupied by Mr. Leonard, Tull, has a good foundation for a warehouse, granary, &c. and several springs which would answer for a mill or brewery.

Two unoccupied lots adjoining the river at the bridge on which are constructed a lot granaries on the bank, and a lot of dwelling houses on the plain. One half the purchase money to be paid on giving possession the first day of next October, and for the other half, a reasonable credit will be given, to be paid up on the day of sale.

Dunkirk is situated in a part of the country abounding in grain, and at the height of navigation for many vessels. The river is now opening above for boats and lumber a considerable distance.

WILLIAM LYNE, Junr.
August 6, 1798. (3*)

Courthouse Estate.

The SUBSCRIBER

IS willing to dispose of that valuable estate in Gloucester county, on which the courthouse now stands, within one mile of navigation. This tract contains a lot of about 100 acres, is well adapted to corn, wheat and tobacco. Part of the land is laid off in a town or order the name of BOILET TOWN, and many of the lots highly improved, there being three complete farms, a commodious tavern, and several dwelling houses, all of which are fully occupied with tenants, yielding an annual rent of upwards of two hundred pounds per annum; which farm might be considerably enlarged, were the whole lands improved on. Its proximity to rich and fertile soil, the agreeable neighborhood, and the fertility of the adjacent estates, render it a desirable acquisition. Terms may be known which are also reasonable, as a small part of the purchase money will be required, the remainder will be received either in stocks in the public funds, or in good bonds by application to

T. B. FOX.
Gloucester county, July 30, 1798.

FOR SALE,

A New Double Geared MILL.

WITH 124 acres of land, lying in the county of Henrico, five miles below Richmond, and one from James river, adjoining the land of William Randolph, of Willott, and Col. William Smith—a good dwelling house, lately repaired, at the mill, which will accommodate a small family. This mill is situated on a never failing stream, and watered by a canal which has flooded the great old mill, without a single drop being lost. This mill was to work in January last, and has ground upwards of five hundred barrels of flour, all country grain. A great bargain may be had in this property, as my state of health will not allow me to pay attention to business which it requires. The many local advantages attending this property, make it unnecessary to give any further description. Persons wishing to purchase will view the premises, and judge for themselves. One third of the purchase money will be expected on hand, one third in eighteen months, and the remainder in two years. Interest from the date will be required, if not punctually paid. A security in the property to insure payment will be taken, and an undoubted title will be given.

Henrico county, Four-Mile-Creek.
August 2, 1798. (10)

A great Bargain to be had,

IN a tract of Land, lying in the upper part of King William county, containing, by an old survey, 700 acres, lying on the main road from Hills-Hole to Richmond, two miles from Hills-Hole, and four from Dunkirk, eight from Hills-Hole, and New-Castle, and twenty-eight from Richmond. On this plantation is all convenient houses for a great family, viz—A dwelling house, nearly new, with two rooms and a passage below, and three above, together with four convenient closets, a kitchen, with a brick chimney, smoke house, two dairies, a stable, barn and corn houses; also, now in flourishing growth, an apple orchard, from which has been made in a year upwards of 4000 gallons of cider; a peach orchard but two years in bearing, containing about 700 beautiful trees, both of which is now remarkably full. This land, with the stock of cattle, sheep, and hogs, and the crop of corn now growing, which is judged will turn out to 300 barrels, will be sold privately at any time between this and the first day of October next; if not disposed of before that time, will on that day, upon the premises, be set up to the highest bidder. Three or four hundred pounds will be expected on the deed being executed. For the residue of the purchase money, long credit will be given, by giving a mortgage upon the land for the punctual payment of the same.

Any person inclinable to view the land, may be shown it at any time by the subscriber, now living on the place, and the terms of sale made known by Mr. or Mr. Robert Turner, living in Richmond. **RUEN TURNER.**
King William, July 21, 1798. (10)

N. B. The above land will be laid off into lots, if not sold together, so as to suit the purchasers.

TO BE SOLD, FOR READY MONEY,

BY virtue of a deed of trust from David Rofs, Esq; the following valuable tract of land, or so much of them, as will be sufficient to satisfy the sum of eight thousand pounds, and the expenses of sale.

1st. A tract of about eight hundred acres, in the county of Chesterfield, on Saint creek, near Petersburg, known by the name of Anson's field, being the land whereon the said Rofs formerly resided.

2d. The plantation and tract of land, in the county of Mecklenburg, on Roanoke river, which formerly belonged to the estate of Edward Harwood, deceased, adjoining the lands of Mr. Peyton Skewith, and Robert Munford, deceased. A considerable part of this tract is rich river bottom ground.

3d. Three plantations in the counties of Bedford and Plymouth, upon Saint creek, containing about three thousand acres, the boundaries and situation whereof, are defined in the said Rofs's deed of trust as follows:—beginning on Staunton river, at the foot of Smith's mountain, including the lands on both sides thereof, to the extent of his miles and bounds, which extend down the river to the north side to the lands formerly belonging to and occupied by John Gaud, and which extend on the south side to the residence of Pig river, thence up Pig river, to the lands of B. West and West, and thence up or nearly surrounding their lands; they cross Pig river again, and include the lands on both sides Fry-Pan creek, till they reach another tract of land belonging to the said West, commencing all the lands lying on or adjoining to the said three plantations, known by the name of the Mount Pleasant plantation, on which the said West has a mill, and the Fry-Pan plantation, on which the said West has a mill and grist mill.

These lands will be sold at public auction, to the best bidder, for ready money. The sale of the Chesterfield and Mecklenburg lands, will take place at Robert Armistead's residence in the town of Petersburg, on Saturday the eighth of September next, and the plantations in Plymouth and Bedford, will be sold at Pittsylvania court house, on Monday the eighth of October next.

WILLIAM HAY, DUNCAN ROSE, JOHN WICKHAM, Trustees.
Richmond July 23, 1798.

To be RENTED,

(For the term of three or five years)

IN the town of Manchester, and post from given the 5th of October next, the TENEMENT at present occupied by Messrs. Dunlop, P. H. & Co. and adjoining Mr. Mack's store, with the Lumber House behind it. The whole building is well built, covered with slate, and situated in a convenient place in the town. A further description is unnecessary, as it is presumed no person will rent it without first viewing the same. Terms, &c. apply to Mr. Mack, adjoining of the subscriber.

LEWIS BURWELL.
Richmond, July 23, 1798. (11)

PRESQUE ISLE ESTATE

THIS valuable Farm, and desirable residence, is again offered for sale, and without reducing its price, it is hoped the terms will be acceptable to any person possessing a large number of slaves; with which and good property, full payment may be made, after the rate of two hundred dollars each, having removed to this city as a permanent residence, I should wish to receive part payment in a small quantity of good land near to it, or, if more agreeable to a purchaser, the whole may be paid in any stocks of the United States—Possessing the most secure and perfect title, the same shall be transferred and warranted by

D. M. RANDOLPH.
Richmond, May 28th, 1798.

I WISH TO BUY A NEGRO BOY,

Of about fifteen or sixteen years of age, who is honest and well disposed, and has lived together in the country. For such an one, cash will be given; but it will not be worth while to offer one of any other description.

DANIEL CALL.
Richmond, July 29, 1798.

To be Rented,

And possession given immediately,

My store House and Granary, at the Piping-Tree, in the

county of King William, on Pamunkey river, lately occupied by Mr. Robert Temple. The store house has an excellent store room, 18 feet square, with a counting room of 14 feet, also two excellent rooms up stairs. The granary is 28 feet long, 16 do. wide, stands near the water, where grain may be put on board of vessels with very little trouble. For terms apply to Mr. John Butler, of Richmond, or to the subscriber, living at the place.

MILES KING.
Piping-Tree, August 6, 1798. (4*)

To be Sold,

At three months credit, on Monday the 10th day of next month, at Louisa courthouse, it being a weekday.

One moiety of 400 acres of Land,

PATENTED in my name, lying on both sides of Hills-Hole creek, in the upper part of said county of Louisa, near Capt. William Wath's, of said county, who can inform any person desirous of purchasing, what kind of land it is, &c. Bond with approved security will be required, payable to Samuel Overton, jun. attorney in fact for Waller Overton, acting executor of James Overton, dec. late of the State of Kentucky, and a special warranty made to the purchaser as soon as the land may be divided.

JOHN OVERTON.
Louisa county, August 17, 1798. (3*)

For Sale,

A Valuable Tract of LAND,

LYING on Bennett's creek, in Poquoson, between York and Hanover, containing about three hundred acres; its soil is fertile, productive both of wheat and Indian Corn, and in some places, it answers for tobacco; has a good peach and apple orchard—is convenient for navigation to Norfolk, Baltimore, &c. As the said land will be sold encumbered with debts, the payments will be very distant. All who wish to purchase, will, of course, view the premises. The terms of the sale may be known, by applying to Mr. John Chilton, in Poquoson, or the subscriber in Richmond.

BENNETT BROWN.
Richmond, August 20, 1798. (3*)

For Sale or Lease,

SEVERAL well improved TENEMENTS in and near the Hay Market square in this city, to purchasers good bargains and convenient payments will be offered. Immediate possession may be had of the tenement at present occupied by the Attorney General—I have also for Sale, a neat light Coach, as good as new, with a pair of harness; a pair of elegant Grey Horses, a high bred Mare, in foal by Strange's Traveller, and several other carriage and work horses.—I would also sell or exchange for lands on York River, several tracts of first rate Military Lands, viz: opposite the falls of Oh, in the Illinois Grant, and on Skegg's Beaver Creek, a branch of Big Bottom in Kentucky; besides several thousand acres of patented land in the upper parts of this State, to the whole of which unquestionable titles will be made.

J. PRYOR.
City of Richmond, Hay Market, August 20, 1798.

TO BE SOLD,

On Saturday the 15th September next, to the highest bidder, a King and Queen District Court

Tract of level Land

WHEREON the late Col. Richard Tunstall resided, containing, by a late survey, five hundred and twenty four acres.—This land lies in the land county of King and Queen; on Matapony River, a few miles below Waukeston's ferry, where vessels of a considerable draught of water can load with ease.—There is on this land, a large dwelling house with four rooms, and a passage below, with some out houses, which, with a little repairing, can be made very convenient. Those who wish to see the land, will please apply to Edward Hill, who lives near the same. Eighteen months credit will be allowed the purchaser, giving bond and security to the King and Queen, July 20th, 1798.

FOR SALE

MY HOUSE AND LOT, near the

Capitol on Shock Hill.

JOHN BROWN.
Richmond July 17, 1798.

Thomas Gilliat,

INFORMS his friends, that he has received by the late arrivals from London and Liverpool, his

SPRING GOODS,

Which he will dispose of either by wholesale or retail, at reduced prices, for cash or on credit.

ALSO, A QUANTITY OF

GUN-POWDER.

Richmond, July 12th, 1798.

WYLLIE & LANGLEY,

Have received by the ships Rebecca and Indefatigable, from London, an assortment of

Spring and Summer

GOODS:

AMONGST WHICH ARE—

LONDON brown flannel, fine apple and brick cheefe

single, double faulx, and camlet gun powder; white lead; Spanish brown and yellow ochre, in 28lb. kegs; linseed oil in jugs; 18 by 10, 11 by 9, and 10 by 12 window

glaze, in boxes; prime German and patent steel scythe blades; red bark, in one and two ounce phials; mahogany liquor cases, with bottles; ditto portable writing desks complete; ditto knife cases, &c. &c.

Richmond, May 28, 1798. (11)

SEEDS.

MINTON COLLINS

RESPECTFULLY informs his friends and the public, that he has just received a fresh supply of red Clover, and Timothy seed, from the northern States, which is warranted to be of the last growth.

He has a general assortment of garden seeds which arrived in the last ship from London, likewise some fine red, blue, and white Hyacinths, and Polianthus Narcissus roots, glass flower bottles, painted and red flower pots, &c. which he will sell reasonably for CASH ONLY.

CASH ONLY.
Richmond, August 13, 1798. (6*)

Alexandria Marine Insurance Company.

THE Public is respectfully informed that this company has commenced business; & from the extent of its Capital, it is believed, it is very safe for the Sums that will be done on each risk, which is generally from four, to six thousand dollars, if so much is wanted; and when the money Capital is increased by further calls on the S. S. Holders, it is likely the Sums incurred on each risk will be extended. The Credit given for premiums is three months, coastways; four months to the West-Indies, and six months to Europe.

Negotiable notes in the Bank of Alexandria with an approved Endorser in this place, will be expedited for the premium, so soon as any Insurance is effected.

Losses will be paid in ninety days, after proof & adjustment.

By order of the Directors

WILLIAM HARTSHORNE, President.
Alexandria 7 mo: 30th, 1798. (3*)

Public Notice is hereby given,

THAT proposals will be received at the office of the Secretary of the Treasury for supplying the United States with a number not exceeding Forty thousand stands of arms, on the following conditions.

1st. The arms shall be manufactured in the United States, conformable to the Charleville pattern, the barrels shall be proved, and the muskets inspected agreeable to the rules now practised and required by the United States:—the locks shall be duly hardened; the Ramrod and Bayonet shall be tempered, and the mountings, stocks, and every other particular shall be finished in a workman-like manner.

2d. The proposals must specify the number which the party is willing to furnish and the time or times of delivery.—One fourth of the proposed number must be delivered in six months, one fourth in twelve months, and the remainder in eighteen months from the time of signing of the contract; the public will not be considered as bound to receive any arms, which are not ready for delivery within the time proposed.

3d. For every stand of arms, with Bayonet and Ramrod complete as aforesaid, the United States will allow thirty six dollars and forty cents.

4th. When practicable and consistent with existing arrangements, seasoned stocks will be delivered from the public stores in Philadelphia to contractors, at the rate of twenty five cents each.

5th. The arms will be received in the respective States at places to be hereafter designated.—The United States shall not be bound to prove less than five hundred barrels at one time, unless the barrels are transported to some public factory or deposit of arms, in which case any number not less than one hundred will be proved.

6th. The parties contracting will be required to give bonds with sureties for fulfilling their engagements. No money will be advanced unless indisputable testimonials of skill and ability to execute the proposed contracts are produced, nor in cases where proposals are made for a less number than one thousand stands of arms; the right of judging of the expediency of making advances of money is absolutely reserved.

7th. Until contracts are made for supplying forty thousand stands of arms, the sum of three hundred dollars and forty cents will be paid at the Treasury for every complete stand of arms manufactured in the United States, and which may be delivered in parcels of not less than twenty into the public arsenals already or hereafter to be established. Those who propose to deliver arms must however indicate their intentions seasonably to the office of the Secretary of the Treasury.

OLIVER WOLCOTT,
Secretary of the Treasury

Treasury Department
June 22d, 1798

N. B. The proposals are to be transmitted under cover to the Secretary of the Treasury at Philadelphia.

Philadelphia June 30th 1798.

Public Notice is Hereby Given,

PURSUANT to the act of Congress, passed on the 12th day of June 1793, entitled, "an act respecting Loan Office and final settlement certificates, Indents of interest, and the unfunded or registered debt credited in the books of the Treasury."

1st. That on the application of the creditors respectively, or their legal attorneys at any time after the last day of December in the present year, the principal sums of the unfunded or registered debt of the United States credited on the books of the treasury, or Commissioners of Loans will be reimbursed at the Treasury of the United States.

2d. That interest upon the unfunded or registered debts aforesaid will cease from and after the last day of December in the present year.

3d. That the creditors respectively will be entitled on requisition to receive from the proper officers of the Treasury certificates of funded three per cent stock, equal to the arrearages of interest due on the debts aforesaid prior to the first day of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety one.

By order of the Board of Commissioners,
of the Sinking Fund.

(6ms.) **Edward Jones, Sec'y.**

PATOMAC COMPANY.

THE Stockholders in the old and new stock of the Patomac Company, who are yet in arrears, are hereby informed, that it is necessary to collect the debts of the Company, in order to pay the demands against them; and therefore we are obliged to inform those who are indebted, that unless they pay both principal and interest to Wm. Halthorne, Treasurer, on or before the 28th day of September next, their several shares will be sold by public auction at twelve o'clock at noon, at the City Tavern in Alexandria.

TOBIAS LEAD, President.
J. TEMPLEMAN,
JOHN MA-ON,
JAMES KEITH,
JOSEPH CLAPHAM.
Directors.

An Election for a President and four Directors, will be held at the City Tavern in Alexandria, on the 28th Monday in August next; when an account of the expenditures and a report of the progress of the work done for the year past, will be laid before the Stockholders.

July 23. (3*)

By Authority

FIFTH CONGRESS

OF THE
UNITED STATES:
AT THE SECOND SESSION,
Begun and held at the City of Philadelphia, in the
State of Pennsylvania, on Monday, the thirteenth
of November, one thousand seven
hundred and ninety seven.

AN ACT,

Authorizing the grant and conveyance of a certain
lot, ground, to Elie Williams.

Sec. 1. **Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled,** That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he hereby is, authorized to contract with Elie Williams, for the sale of a certain lot of ground, twenty perches in length, and sixteen perches in breadth, situate in the town of Cincinnati, in the territory northwest of the Ohio, it being the same lot on which certain buildings were erected by the said Elie Williams and Robert Elliott, deceased, when contractors for supplying the western army with provisions.

Sec. 2. **And be it further enacted,** That on payment into the treasury of the United States of such sum or sums of money as shall have been agreed upon between the said Elie Williams and the Secretary of the Treasury, as the price of the above mentioned lot, the President of the United States be, and he is hereby authorized to grant a patent for the same, to the said Elie Williams, his heirs or assigns.

Approved, July 16, 1798.

JOHN ADAMS,

President of the United States.

AN ACT,

To amend the act, entitled "An act to suspend the commercial intercourse between the United States and France, and the dependencies thereof."

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the provisions for giving bond and finding sufficient surety or sureties, for vessels bound on foreign voyages, as required in the second section of the act, entitled, "An act to suspend the commercial intercourse between the United States and France, and the dependencies thereof," shall extend no further, than to obligations to the amount of the value of the vessels respectively, and to a sum in addition thereto equal to one third of the value of the cargo. **Provided,** That in no case the surety or sureties shall be answerable for more than ten thousand dollars, any thing in the act above mentioned to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved—July 16, 1798.

JOHN ADAMS,

President of the United States.

AN ACT,

Allowing an additional compensation to the Secretary of the Senate, and Clerk of the House of Representatives, and to their clerks, for their services, during the present session of Congress.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That there be allowed to the Secretary of the Senate, and to the Clerk of the House of Representatives, each, two hundred dollars; and to the principal and the undersigned clerks in the office of the Secretary of the Senate and of the clerk of the House of Representatives, the sum of one hundred dollars, each, as an additional compensation for their services, during the present session of Congress.

Approved—July 16, 1798.

JOHN ADAMS,

President of the United States.

AN ACT,

To continue in force, for a limited time, a part of an act, entitled "An act making further provision for raising and collecting the duties on foreign and domestic distilled spirits, stills, wines, and raisins."

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the thirteenth section of the act passed on the fifth day of June, one thousand seven hundred and ninety four, and intitled, "An act making further provision for securing and collecting the duties on foreign and domestic distilled spirits, stills, wines and raisins," be, and the same hereby is continued in force, until the end of the first session of the fifth Congress.

Approved—April 7, 1799.

JOHN ADAMS,

President of the United States.

AN ACT,

For the relief of the Refugees from the British provinces of Canada and Nova Scotia.

Sec. 1. **Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled,** That to satisfy claims of or for persons claiming lands under the resolutions of Congress, of the twentieth of April, one thousand seven hundred and eighty three, and the twentieth of April, one thousand seven hundred and eighty five, as refugees from the British provinces of Canada and Nova Scotia, the Secretary for the Department of War, be, and he hereby is authorized and directed to give notice in one or more of the public papers of each of the States of Vermont, Massachusetts, New York, New Hampshire and Pennsylvania, to all persons having claims under the said resolutions to transmit to the War office, within two years after the passing of this act, a just and true account of their claims and the bounty of Congress.

Sec. 2. **And be it further enacted,** That no other persons shall be entitled to the benefit of the provisions of this act, than such of the following descriptions, or their widows and heirs, viz. First, those heads of families and single persons, not members of any such families, who were residents in one of the provinces aforesaid, prior to the fourth day of July, one thousand seven hundred and seventy five, and who abandoned their settlements, in consequence of having given aid to the United Colonies or States, in the revolutionary war against Great Britain, or with intention to give such aid, and continued in the United States, or in their service, during the said war, and did not return to reside in the dominions of the king of Great Britain, prior to the twentieth day of November, one thousand seven hundred and eighty three. Secondly, the widows and heirs of

all such persons as were actual residents, as aforesaid, who abandoned their settlements as aforesaid, and died within the United States, or in their service, during the said war: And thirdly, all persons who were members of families at the time of their coming into the United States, and who during the war, entered into their service.

Sec. 3. **And be it further enacted,** That the proof of the several circumstances necessary to entitle the applicants to the benefits of this act, may be taken before a judge of the supreme or district court of the United States, or a judge of the supreme or superior court or the first justice or first judge of the court of common-pleas or county court of any State.

Sec. 4. **And be it further enacted,** That at the expiration of fifteen months from and after the passing of this act, and from time to time thereafter, it shall be the duty of the Secretary for the Department of War, to lay such evidence of claims as he may have received before the Secretary and Comptroller of the Treasury, and with them, proceed to examine the claimants, and give their judgment what quantity of land ought to be allowed to the individual claimants, in proportion to the degree of their respective services, sacrifices and sufferings, in consequence of their attachment to the cause of the United States; allowing to those of the first class, a quantity not exceeding one thousand acres, &c. to the last class a quantity not exceeding one hundred, making such intermediate classes as the resolutions aforesaid and distributive justice, may, in their judgment, require; and make report thereof to Congress. And in case any such claimant shall have sustained such losses & sufferings, or performed such services for the United States, that he cannot justly be classed in any one general class, a separate report shall be made of his circumstances, together with the quantity of land that ought to be allowed him, having reference to the foregoing ratio: **Provided,** That in considering what compensation ought to be made by virtue of this act, all grants, except military grants, which may have been made by the United States, or individual States, shall be considered at the just value thereof at the time the same were made, respectively, either in whole or in part, as the case may be, a satisfaction to those who may have received the same: **Provided also,** that no claim under this law, shall be admissible until after report made to Congress, as aforesaid, and until the said lands be granted to the persons entitled to the benefit of this act.

Sec. 5. **And be it further enacted,** That all claims in virtue of said resolutions of Congress, which shall not be exhibited as aforesaid, within the time by this act limited, shall forever thereafter be barred.

Approved—April 7, 1798.

JOHN ADAMS,

President of the United States.

AN ACT,

For an amicable settlement of limits with the State of Georgia, and an extension of the establishment of a government in the Mississippi territory.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States be, and he hereby is authorized to appoint three commissioners; any two of whom shall have power to adjust and determine with such commissioners as may be appointed under the legislative authority of the State of Georgia, all interfering claims of the United States and that State, to territory situate west of the river Chatahouchee, north of the thirty-first degree of north latitude, and south of the thirty-third degree of north latitude, and to the territory claimed by the State of Georgia, and out of the ordinary jurisdiction thereof.

Sec. 2. **Be it further enacted,** That all the lands hereafter ascertained as the property of the United States shall be disposed of in such manner as shall be hereafter directed by law; and the net proceeds thereof shall be applied to the sinking and discharging the public debt of the United States, in the same manner as the proceeds of the other public lands in the territory north-west of the river Ohio.

Sec. 3. **Be it further enacted,** That all that tract of country bounded on the west by the Mississippi, on the north by a line to be drawn due east from the mouth of the Yalou to the Chatahoochee river; on the east by the river Chatahoochee; and on the south by the thirty-first degree of north latitude, shall be, and hereby is constituted one district, to be called the Mississippi Territory: And the President of the United States is hereby authorized to establish therein a government in all respects similar to that now exercised in the territory north-west of the river Ohio, excepting and excluding the last article of the ordinance made for the government thereof by the late Congress on the thirteenth day of July, one thousand seven hundred and eighty seven, and by and with the advice and consent of the Senate to appoint all the necessary officers therein, who shall respectively receive the same compensation for their services; to be paid in the same manner as is law established for similar officers in the territory north-west of the river Ohio; and the powers, duties and emoluments of a superintendent of Indian affairs for the southern department, shall be united with those of governor: **Provided** also, That if the President of the United States should find it most expedient to establish this government in the reefs of Congress, he shall nevertheless have full power to appoint and commission a civil officer, herein authorized; and their commissions shall continue in force until the end of the session of Congress next ensuing the establishment of the government.

Sec. 4. **Be it further enacted,** That the territory hereby constituted one district for the purposes of government, may at the discretion of Congress be hereafter divided into two districts, with separate territorial governments in each, similar to that established by this act.

Sec. 5. **Be it further enacted,** That the establishment of his government shall in no respect impair the right of the State of Georgia, or of any person or persons either to the jurisdiction or the soil of the said territory, but the rights and claims of the said State and all persons interested, are hereby declared to be as firm and available, as if this act had never been made.

Sec. 6. **And be it further enacted,** That from and after the establishment of the said government, the people of the aforesaid territory, shall be entitled to and enjoy all and singular the rights, privileges and advantages granted to the people of the territory of the United States, north-west of the river Ohio, in and by the aforesaid ordinance of the thirteenth day of July, in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty-seven, in as full and ample a manner as the same are possessed and enjoyed

by the people of the said last mentioned territory.

Sec. 7. **And be it further enacted,** That from and after the establishment of the aforesaid government, it shall not be lawful for any person or persons to import or bring into the said Mississippi territory, from any port or place, without the limits of the United States, or to cause or procure to be so imported or brought, or knowingly to aid or assist in so importing or bringing any slave or slaves, and that every person so offending, and being thereof convicted before any court within the said territory, having competent jurisdiction, shall forfeit and pay, for each and every slave so imported or brought, the sum of three hundred dollars; one moiety for the use of the United States, & the other moiety for the use of any person or persons who shall sue for the same; and that every slave, so imported or brought, shall thereupon become entitled to, and receive his or her freedom.

Sec. 8. **And be it further enacted,** That the sum of ten thousand dollars be, and hereby is appropriated, for the purpose of enabling the President of the United States to carry into effect the provisions of this act; and that the said sum be paid out of any monies in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Approved—April 7, 1798.

JOHN ADAMS,

President of the United States.

AN ACT,

For the relief of Sylvanus Crowell.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That if it shall be proved to the satisfaction of the collector of the port of Barnstable, in the State of Massachusetts, that agreements were made according to the direction of the act, intitled, "An act concerning certain fisheries of the United States, and for the regulation and government of the fishermen employed therein," between the masters and fishermen employed on board the schooners Jerusha, Ploube, and Ruth, belonging to Yarmouth, in the State aforesaid, counterfeited by the owners, or their agent, for a fishing voyage, in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, and that the said agreements were actually delivered by fire; then and in such case, the said collector is authorized and directed to make and pay to the said Sylvanus Crowell, or other agent of the owners of the said schooners, such allowance as they would have been entitled to, under the act aforesaid, provided the said agreements had been produced to said collector.

Approved—March 10, 1798.

JOHN ADAMS,

President of the United States.

AN ACT,

To amend the act, intitled, "An act laying duties on Stamped Vellum, Parchment and Paper."

Sec. 1. **Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled,** That whenever any person other than officers employed in collecting the revenue of the United States, shall apply to any supervisor or inspector of the said revenue, at the office of such supervisor or inspector, for the purchase, at one time, of any quantity of vellum, parchment or paper, stamped and marked, in the manner directed by the act, intitled, "An act laying duties on stamped vellum parchment and paper," the whole amount of the duties on which quantity shall be ten dollars, or upwards, such supervisor or inspector shall be, and hereby is authorized and required to deliver to such person, such quantity of vellum, parchment or paper, stamped as aforesaid; the said person paying down the amount of the said duties, after deducting therefrom seven and one half per centum on such amount, which deduction the said supervisor or inspector is hereby authorized and required to allow.

Sec. 2. **And be it further enacted,** That whenever any stamp of vellum, or parchment, shall be applied for, and delivered, in the manner aforesaid, the said purchaser, in order to become entitled to the aforesaid deduction, shall pay to the said supervisor or inspector, in addition to the amount of the said duties, a reasonable rate for and on account of the price of the said vellum, or parchment, which rate the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized and required to fix, as nearly as may be, according to the actual cost of the said articles.

Sec. 3. **And be it further enacted,** That whenever any person, other than officers employed in the collection of the revenue of the United States, shall bring any vellum, parchment, or paper, to be stamped, in the manner directed by the aforesaid act, in any quantity, at one time, the whole amount of the duties for stamping which shall be ten dollars, or upwards, the officer stamping such vellum, parchment or paper, pursuant to the directions of the said act, shall be and hereby is authorized and required to make to such person the same allowance and deduction on the amount of the said duties, as is directed by the first section of this act, to be made in the cases therein mentioned.

Sec. 4. **And be it further enacted,** That the stamped paper, required by the aforesaid act to be furnished to the citizens of the United States, by the treasury department, shall be furnished at the rate of duty provided by that act, without any additional charge on account of the price of paper, or any other expense, any thing in the said act to the contrary notwithstanding; and that all paper for the purposes aforesaid, shall be furnished at the expense of the United States, by the Secretary of the Treasury department, who is hereby authorized to employ annually a sufficient sum for that purpose, and for the necessary purchase of vellum and parchment, out of any monies in the treasury of the United States, not otherwise appropriated: **Provided** always, That nothing herein contained shall be so construed, as to require the Treasury department to furnish any stamped vellum or parchment, without an additional charge for the price of these materials, over and above the duty on the stamp; which price, in all cases where stamped vellum, or parchment shall be furnished, the Secretary of that department is hereby authorized and required to fix, as nearly as may be, according to the actual cost of these articles, respectively.

Sec. 5. **And be it further enacted,** That so much of the aforesaid act as relates to stamp duties on "any certificate or debenture for drawback of customs or duties," shall be, and the same is hereby repealed; and that in lieu of the said stamp duties, one fourth per centum on the amount of all drawbacks, allowed by law on the exportation of goods, wares, and merchandise imported, shall be retained for the use of the United States, by the collectors paying such drawbacks; and in addition to the sum

of one per centum directed to be so retained by the act, intitled, "An act to provide more effectually for the collection of the duties imposed by law on goods, wares, and merchandizes imported into the United States, and on the tonnage of ships or vessels."

Approved—March 10, 1798.

JOHN ADAMS,

President of the United States.

AN ACT,

To continue in force, the act, intitled, "An act prohibiting, for a limited time, the exportation of arms and ammunition; and for encouraging the importation thereof."

Sec. 1. **Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled,** That the first, second, third, and fourth sections of the act, intitled, "An act prohibiting, for a limited time, the exportation of arms and ammunition; and for encouraging the importation thereof," be, and are hereby continued in force for one year from and after the present session of Congress, and from thence to the end of the next session of Congress, thereafter, and no longer.

Sec. 2. **And be it further enacted,** That the fifth section of the said act, except so much thereof as relates to the importation of sulphur and saltpetre, be, and is hereby continued in force for one year from and after the fourteenth day of June next, and from thence to the end of the next session of Congress thereafter, and no longer; and that so much of the said fifth section, as relates to the importation of the sulphur and saltpetre, be, and is hereby continued in force for one year from and after the fourteenth day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred, and from thence to the end of the next session of Congress thereafter, and no longer.

Approved—April 7, 1798.

JOHN ADAMS,

President of the United States.

AN ACT,

To suspend, for a limited time, the duties upon the manufacture of salt within the United States, and the drawback upon the exportation thereof.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That all such parts of any law or laws heretofore passed, as impose duties upon mills and implements employed in the manufacture of salt, or allow drawbacks upon the exportation of such manufactures within the United States shall be, and the same hereby is suspended until the end of the first session of the fifth Congress of the United States.

Approved—July 16, 1798.

JOHN ADAMS,

President of the United States.

AN ACT,

For allowing an additional compensation to the doorkeepers and ushers of the Senate and House of Representatives, for their services during the present session of Congress.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That there be allowed to James Matteis, door keeper of the Senate, and to Thomas Claxton, door keeper of the House of Representatives, each, two hundred and fifty dollars; and to Cornelius Maxwell, assistant door keeper of the Senate, and to Thomas Dunn, the assistant door keeper of the House of Representatives, each, two hundred and twenty five dollars, as an additional compensation for their services during the present session of Congress.

Approved—July 16, 1798.

JOHN ADAMS,

President of the United States.

AN ACT,

To further addition to the act, intitled, "An act to establish the judicial court of the United States."

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the judges of the supreme court, and of the several district courts of the United States, and all judges and justices of the courts of the several States, having authority by the laws of the United States to take cognizance of offences against the constitution and laws thereof, shall respectively have the like power and authority to hold to custody of the peace, and for good behavior, in cases arising under the constitution and laws of the United States, as may or can be lawfully exercised by any justice or justice of the peace of the respective States, in cases cognizable before them.

JONATHAN DAYTON,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

THEODORE SEDGWICK,

President of the Senate, pro tempore.

Approved, July 16, 1798.

JOHN ADAMS,

President of the United States.

Deposited among the Rolls in the Office of the Department of State.

TIMOTHY PICKERING,

Secretary of State.

Twenty Dollars Reward.

RAN AWAY from Bulfield, in Hanover, a likely negro man by the name of BILLY, who calls himself Billy Weeks. He is a very tall, slender, but well made man, about 30 years of age, is extremely artful and speaks rather rapidly, using many words, which occasions him sometimes to stammer—He has a placid, agreeable countenance, bespeaking honesty and good conduct—He had on a dark coloured coat and breeches, quite new, but as he has a variety of cloaths, he will of course occasionally change them. He was purchased last June by Richard H. C. Robin, Esq. of Middlesex, where he has a wife, and to see whom he was permitted to go before Christmas, and has never returned. He has been seen in Richmond, and also in the neighborhood of Bulfield. It is probable he is lurking about Mr. Corbin's, near his wife; but he may be in the county of Caroline, near Bulfield, where it is said he has another wife. Masters of vessels are warned at their peril not to take him on board. I will give the above reward for the delivery of him to me in Richmond, or to James J. Anson, Manager at Bulfield, or ten dollars if secured in jail to that I get him again.

JOHN HOPKINS.

Richmond March 5, 1798.

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RICHMOND: TUESDAY, AUGUST 21, 1798.

By Authority

FIFTH CONGRESS

OF THE

UNITED STATES:

AT THE SECOND SESSION,
Begun and held at the City of Philadelphia, in the
State of Pennsylvania, on Monday, the thirteenth
of November, one thousand seven
hundred and ninety seven.

AN ACT

Establishing an annual salary for the Surveyor of
the port of Gloucester.

BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That there be allowed to the Surveyor of the port of Gloucester, in the State of Massachusetts, the yearly salary of two hundred and fifty dollars; to commence from the last day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven.

Approved, July 24, 1798.

JOHN ADAMS,

President of the United States.

AN ACT,

To lay and collect a direct tax within the United States.

BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That a direct tax of two millions of dollars shall be, and hereby is laid upon the United States, and apportioned to the States respectively, in the manner following:

To the State of New-Hampshire, seventy-seven thousand, seven hundred and five dollars, thirty-six cents, and two mills.

To the State of Massachusetts, two hundred and sixty thousand, four hundred and thirty-five dollars, thirty-one cents, and two mills.

To the State of Rhode-Island, thirty-seven thousand, five hundred and two dollars, and eight cents.

To the State of Connecticut, one hundred and twenty-nine thousand, seven hundred and sixty-five dollars, and two mills.

To the State of Vermont, forty-six thousand, eight hundred and sixty-four dollars, eighteen cents, and seven mills.

To the State of New-York, one hundred and eighty-eight thousand, six hundred and eighty dollars, seventy cents, and seven mills.

To the State of New-Jersey, ninety-eight thousand, three hundred and eighty-seven dollars, twenty-five cents, and three mills.

To the State of Pennsylvania, one hundred and twenty-seven thousand, one hundred and twenty dollars, and seven mills.

To the State of Delaware, thirty thousand, five hundred and thirty dollars, seventy-nine cents, and two mills.

To the State of Maryland, one hundred and fifty-two thousand, five hundred and ninety-nine dollars, ninety-five cents, and four mills.

To the State of Virginia, three hundred and forty-five thousand, four hundred and eighty-eight dollars, sixty-five cents, and five mills.

To the State of Kentucky, thirty-seven thousand, six hundred and forty-three dollars, ninety-nine cents, and seven mills.

To the State of North Carolina, one hundred and ninety-three thousand, six hundred and ninety-seven dollars, ninety-six cents, and five mills.

To the State of Tennessee, eighteen thousand, eight hundred and six dollars, thirty-eight cents, and three mills.

To the State of South Carolina, one hundred and twelve thousand, nine hundred and ninety-seven dollars, seventy-three cents, and nine mills.

And to the State of Georgia, thirty-eight thousand eight hundred and fourteen dollars, eighty-seven cents, and five mills.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That the said tax shall be collected by the Surveyors, Inspectors and Collectors of the internal revenues of the United States, under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, and pursuant to such regulations as he shall establish; and shall be assessed upon dwelling houses, lands and slaves, according to the valuations and enumerations to be made pursuant to the act, intitled "An act to provide for the valuation of lands and dwelling houses, and the enumeration of slaves within the United States," and in the following manner:

Upon every dwelling house which, with the out-houses appurtenant thereto, and the lot whereon the same are erected, not exceeding two acres in area, shall be valued in manner aforesaid, at more than one hundred, and not more than five hundred dollars, there shall be assessed in the manner herein provided, a sum equal to two-tenths of one per centum on the amount of the valuation: upon every dwelling house which shall be valued as aforesaid, at more than five hundred, and not more than one thousand dollars, there shall be assessed a sum equal to three-tenths of one per centum on the amount of the valuation: upon every dwelling house which shall be valued as aforesaid, at more than one thousand, and not more than three thousand dollars, there shall be assessed a sum equal to four-tenths of one per centum on the amount of the valuation: upon every dwelling house which shall be valued as aforesaid, at more than three thousand, and not more than five thousand dollars, there shall be assessed a sum equal to five-tenths of one per centum on the amount of the valuation: upon every dwelling house which shall be valued as aforesaid, at more than five thousand, and not more than ten thousand dollars, there shall be assessed a sum equal to six-tenths of one per centum on the amount of the valuation: upon every dwelling house which shall be valued as aforesaid, at more than ten thousand, and not more than fifteen thousand dollars, there shall be assessed a sum equal to seven-tenths of one per centum on the amount of the valuation: upon every dwelling house which shall be valued as aforesaid, at more than fifteen thousand, and not more than twenty thousand dollars, there shall be assessed a sum equal to eight-tenths of one per centum on the amount of the valuation: upon every

dwelling house which shall be valued as aforesaid, at more than twenty, and not more than thirty thousand dollars, there shall be assessed a sum equal to nine-tenths of one per centum on the amount of the valuation: and upon every dwelling house which shall be valued as aforesaid, at more than thirty thousand dollars, there shall be assessed a sum equal to one per centum on the amount of the valuation.

And upon every slave which shall be enumerated according to the act aforesaid, there shall be assessed fifty cents.

And the whole amount of the sums so to be assessed upon dwelling-houses and slaves within each State respectively, shall be deducted from the sum hereby apportioned to such State, and the remainder of the said sum shall be assessed upon the lands within such State according to the valuations to be made pursuant to the act aforesaid, and at such rate per centum as will be sufficient to produce the said remainder: *Provided*, That no part of said tax shall be assessed upon lands or dwelling houses and slaves as at the time of passing this act are especially exempted from taxes by the laws of the States, respectively.

Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That the aforesaid assessments shall be made by the Surveyors of the several districts within the United States respectively, and pursuant to instructions from the Secretary of the Treasury; which instructions the said Surveyors shall be, and hereby is authorized and required to issue to such Surveyors or any of them, so soon as the valuations and enumerations directed to be made by the aforesaid act shall have been completed in the State to which such Surveyor belongs. And the said tax shall become due and payable from and after the expiration of three months after the instructions aforesaid shall have been received by the Surveyors respectively: *Provided*, That if, on making the assessments aforesaid, it should appear that the sums to be assessed on houses and slaves within any State will exceed the sum hereby apportioned to such State, then the Surveyor shall be, and hereby is authorized and required to deduct from the sums to be assessed on houses, such rate per centum as shall be sufficient to reduce the whole amount of the said assessments to the sum apportioned to such State as aforesaid.

Sec. 4. And be it further enacted, That the said Surveyors shall be, and hereby is authorized and required to appoint such and so many suitable persons in each assessment district within their respective districts, as may be necessary for collecting the said tax, and shall assign to them, respectively, their collection districts therein; which persons shall be collectors within their respective collection districts, and shall collect the said tax under the direction of the Surveyors respectively, and according to the regulations and provisions contained in this act, or to be established pursuant thereto.

Sec. 5. And be it further enacted, That so soon as the aforesaid assessments shall have been completed, the said Surveyors shall, by special warrants, under their hands, respectively cause the Surveyors of the revenue within their respective districts, to be appointed, and shall cause the same to be published in each collection district, respectively; which lists shall contain the name of the proprietor or occupant of each dwelling-house, tract or lot of land and slave, within the collection district, or of the person having the care of superintendence of them, or any of them, where such proprietor, occupant or superintendant is known, and the whole sum payable by each person within the said district, distinguishing what is payable for dwelling houses, what for slaves, and what for lands: And where there are lands, slaves or dwelling-houses within any collection district, not owned, or occupied by, or under the care or superintendence of any person resident therein, there shall be a separate list of such lands, dwelling houses and slaves, specifying the sums payable for each, and the names of the proprietors or superintendants, respectively, where known.

Sec. 6. And be it further enacted, That each of the collectors, to be appointed as aforesaid, shall be furnished by the Surveyor of the revenue for the assessment district within which he shall have been appointed, with one or more of the said lists, signed and certified by such Surveyor. And each collector, on receiving a list as aforesaid, shall subscribe three receipts, one of which shall be given on a full and correct copy of such list, and the other two on aggregate statements thereof, exhibiting the number and valuation of dwelling houses, the number of slaves, and the amount of the valuation of lands in such collection district, with the amount of the taxes assessed thereon: And the list first mentioned, and receipt, shall remain in the office of the Surveyor of the revenue, and shall be open to the inspection of any person who may apply to inspect the same; and the aggregate statements and receipts aforesaid, shall be transmitted to the Inspector of the survey, and one of them shall be by him transmitted to the Surveyor of the district.

Sec. 7. And be it further enacted, That each collector, before receiving any list as aforesaid, for collection, shall give bond with one or more good and sufficient sureties, in at least double the amount of the taxes assessed on the collection district for which he may be appointed, which bond shall be payable to the United States, with condition for the true and faithful discharge of the duties of his office, according to law, and particularly, for the due collection and payment of all monies assessed upon such district.

Sec. 8. And be it further enacted, That the aforesaid tax shall be, and remain a lien upon all lands, and other real estate, and all slaves, of the individuals who may be assessed for the same, during two years after the time when it shall become due and payable according to this act; and the said lien shall extend to each and every part of all tracts or lots of land, or dwelling houses, which shall be valued according to the aforesaid act, notwithstanding the same may have been divided or alienated, in part, unless an apportionment of the valuation thereof shall have been made and recorded, pursuant to the aforesaid act, prior to the time when the collection lists shall have been filed, in manner herein before prescribed.

Sec. 9. And be it further enacted, That each of the said collectors shall, immediately after receiving his collection list, advertise, by notifications, to be posted up in at least four public places in each collection district, that the said tax has become due and payable, and the times and places at which he will

attend to receive the same; and, in respect to persons who shall not attend, according to such notifications, it shall be the duty of each collector to apply once at their respective dwellings, within such district, and there demand the taxes payable by such persons; and if the said taxes shall not be then paid, or within twenty days thereafter, it shall be lawful for such collector to proceed to collect the said taxes, by distress and sale of the goods, chattels or effects of the persons delinquent as aforesaid, with a commission of eight per centum upon the said taxes, to and for the use of such collector: *Provided*, that it shall not be lawful to make distress of the tools or implements of a trade or profession, beasts of the plough necessary for the cultivation of improved lands, arms, or household utensils, or apparel necessary for a family.

Sec. 10. And be it further enacted, That except, aforesaid, all goods, chattels, and personal effects whatever, being or remaining on lands, subject to the said tax; and all crops, or produce of farms, standing and growing thereon, shall and may be taken and sold for the payment of the said tax, under such regulations as have been or may be made for the sale of woods or effects taken and sold by distress: *Provided*, that nothing herein contained shall invalidate or impair any contract or agreement between any landlord, tenant, or other person, relative to the payment of taxes.

Sec. 11. And be it further enacted, That in respect to lands, dwelling houses and slaves, which shall not be owned, by, or in the occupation, or under the care or superintendence of some person within the collection district where the same shall be situated or found at the time of the assessment aforesaid, the said collectors respectively, upon receiving lists of such lands, dwelling houses, or slaves, in manner aforesaid, shall transmit copies of such lists, certified under their hands respectively, to the Surveyors of the revenue for the assessment districts respectively, within which the persons owning, or having the care and superintendence of such dwelling houses, lands, or slaves, may reside, or such persons known, together with a statement of the amount of taxes assessed as aforesaid upon such dwelling houses, lands or slaves, respectively, and a notification to pay, or cause to be paid the said taxes to the said collectors respectively, within thirty days after such notification shall be served as is herein provided; which copies, statements and notifications the Surveyors receiving the same respectively shall cause to be personally served on the aforesaid persons respectively, or left at their usual places of abode; and shall cause an affidavit thereof, by the person serving or leaving the same as aforesaid, with the time of such service or leaving to be immediately transmitted to the aforesaid collector; and if such persons being notified in manner aforesaid, shall not, within sixty days thereafter, pay the said taxes to the collector of the collection district where the said land, dwelling house, or slaves, shall be situated, or transmit to him a receipt for the said taxes in the manner herein provided, then the said collector shall proceed to collect the said taxes, by distress and sale as is herein directed; and if the persons owning or having the care and superintendence of any such lands, dwelling houses, or slaves, shall not be known, then the aforesaid collectors shall cause the said copies, statements and notifications to be published for sixty days in four Gazettes of the State, if there be so many; after which publication, if the said taxes shall not be paid, the said collector to collect the same by distress and sale in the manner herein provided.

Sec. 12. *Provided always, and be it further enacted*, That if any person owning, or having the superintendence or care of any dwelling houses, lands, or slaves, in a collection district other than that in which he resides, and being served with such copy, statement and notification as is aforesaid, shall, within sixty days thereafter, pay the said taxes to the collector of the collection district within which he resides, and transmit a receipt therefor to the collector lending the said copy, statement and notification, such receipt shall be a discharge to the said last mentioned collector for the said taxes, and he shall thereupon forbear to collect them; and the collector giving such receipt shall become chargeable with the said taxes, and shall account therefor in the final settlement of the accounts of his collection.

Sec. 13. And be it further enacted, That when any tax assessed on lands or houses, shall have remained unpaid for the term of one year; the collector of the collection district within which such land or houses may be situated, having first advertised the same for two months, in six different public places within the said district, and in two gazettes in the State, if there be so many, one of which shall be the Gazette in which the laws of such State shall be published by authority if any such there be, shall proceed to sell at public sale, and under the direction of the Inspector of the survey, either the dwelling house, or so much of the tract of land, (as the case may be) as may be necessary to satisfy the taxes due thereon; together with costs and charges, not exceeding at the rate of one per centum, for each and every month the said tax shall have remained due and unpaid. *Provided*, that in all cases, where any lands or tenements, shall be sold as aforesaid, the owner of the said lands or tenements, his heirs, executors or administrators, shall have liberty to redeem the same at any time within two years, from the time of sale, upon payment, or tender of payment to the collector for the time being, for the use of the purchaser, his heirs or assigns, of the amount of the said taxes, costs and charges, with interest for the same, at the rate of twelve per cent, per annum; and upon payment or tender of payment as aforesaid such sale shall be void: And no deed shall be given in pursuance of any such sale, until the time of redemption shall have expired.

Sec. 14. And be it further enacted, that the Surveyors of the respective districts, shall keep true and exact accounts of all taxes due and payable in each collection district, and shall charge the amount thereof to the collectors of such districts respectively: And the said collectors shall, at the expiration of every month after they shall, respectively commence their collections, in manner aforesaid, render to the Surveyor of the district, or the Inspector of the survey within which the said collections shall, respectively, be made, a full and true account of the collections made by them, respectively, within the month, and pay over to the said Surveyor or Inspector, the monies by them respectively collected within the said term: And if any such collector

shall fail or neglect to account and pay over, as is aforesaid, at any of the periods above prescribed, such collector shall forfeit and pay three hundred dollars, to be recovered to the use of the United States, with costs of suit, in any court having competent jurisdiction: And where any monies shall have been paid, as aforesaid, to the Inspector of a Survey, by any collector, the receipt of such Inspector shall be allowed to such collector, in the final settlement of his accounts with the Surveyor of the district.

Sec. 15. And be it further enacted, That each of the said collectors shall complete the collection of all sums assigned to him for collection, as aforesaid, and shall account for, and pay over the same to the Surveyor of the district, within one year and one month from and after the time when the said tax shall have become due and payable, in manner aforesaid; and if any collector shall fail to so collect, account and pay over, it shall be the duty of the Surveyor of the district, and he is hereby authorized and required to issue a warrant of distress against such delinquent collector and his sureties, directed to the Marshal of the district, therein expressing the amount of the taxes imposed on the district of such collector, and the sums, if any, which have been paid; and the said Marshal shall himself, or by his deputy, immediately proceed to levy and collect the sum which may remain due, by distress and sale of the goods and chattels, or any personal effects of the delinquent collector, and for want of goods, chattels or effects, aforesaid, sufficient to satisfy the said warrant, the same may be levied on the person of the collector, who may be committed to prison, there to remain, until discharged in due course of law. And furthermore, notwithstanding the commitment of the collector to prison, as aforesaid, or if he abscond, and goods, chattels and effects cannot be found, sufficient to satisfy the said warrant, the said Marshal, or his deputy, shall, and may proceed to levy and collect the sum which may remain due, by distress and sale of the goods and chattels, or any personal effects, of the sureties of the delinquent collector.

Sec. 16. And be it further enacted, That the amount of the sums committed to any collector, for collection as aforesaid, shall, and the same are hereby declared to be a lien upon the lands and real estate of such collector, and his sureties, until the same shall be discharged, according to law; and for want of goods and chattels, or other personal effects of such collector or his sureties, sufficient to satisfy any warrant of distress issued pursuant to the preceding section of this act, the lands and real estate of such collector, and his sureties, or so much thereof as may be necessary for satisfying the said warrant, after being advertised for at least three weeks, in not less than three public places in the collection district, and in one newspaper printed in the county, if any there be, prior to the proposed time of sale, may and shall be sold by the Marshal or his deputy, and for all lands and real estate sold, in pursuance of the authority aforesaid, the conveyances of the Marshals, or their deputies executed in due form of law, shall stand a valid title against all persons claiming under the delinquent collector, or their sureties, aforesaid; and all monies that may remain of the proceeds of such sale, after satisfying the said warrant of distress, and paying the reasonable costs and charges of sale, shall be returned to the proprietor of the lands or real estate sold as aforesaid.

Sec. 17. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Surveyors of the respective districts, at any time, for good and sufficient cause, to dismiss or discharge each or any collector from office, and to commit the collection of any part of the said tax remaining uncollected, to a new collector; and immediately upon such dismissal, and after a notification thereof, in at least two public places in the collection district, by the Surveyor, or the Surveyor of the revenue for the district, on his behalf, the powers of the collector, so dismissed, shall cease and terminate; and if any collector, so dismissed, shall wilfully refuse or neglect to surrender his collection list, and to render a true account of all monies collected, and to pay over the same, according to the directions of the Surveyor, each and every such collector shall forfeit and pay a sum not exceeding four thousand dollars, with costs of suit, to be recovered to the use of the United States, in any court having competent jurisdiction: *Provided*, That nothing herein contained shall be construed to impair the responsibility of any collector, or his sureties, arising under the foregoing provisions of this act.

Sec. 18. And be it further enacted, That each and every collector, who shall exercise, or be guilty of any extortion or oppression, under color of this act, or shall demand or receive greater sums than shall be authorized by law, shall be liable to pay a sum not exceeding three hundred dollars; to be recovered by and for the use of the party injured, with costs of suit, in any court having competent jurisdiction; and each and every collector shall, if required, give receipts for all sums by them collected and received, in pursuance of this act.

Sec. 19. And be it further enacted, That for collecting the said tax, there shall be allowed and paid, the following sums and no more, to be retained by the several officers herein after mentioned, in the final settlement of their accounts, respectively: That is to say: To each Surveyor, one half per centum, on the whole amount of the monies by him received and accounted for, under and by virtue of this act; to every Inspector, one fourth per centum, on the whole amount of the monies to be by him received and accounted for, as aforesaid; and to every collector, five per centum, on the whole amount of the monies by him to be received and accounted for, as aforesaid: *Provided*, That no collector shall receive the said allowance, for, or in respect to any sum for which a warrant of distress shall have been issued by him; and *Provided also*, That no collector who shall refuse or neglect to render, according to this act, any monthly account of monies by him received, as aforesaid, or to pay over the same, as is hereby directed, shall be entitled to, or receive the said allowance, upon all or any of the monies by him collected, within the month for which he shall refuse or neglect to account and pay over, as aforesaid.

Sec. 20. And be it further enacted, That there shall be allowed to the Surveyors of the revenue, respectively, to be paid by the Surveyors, respectively, and exhibited in their accounts, as part of the charge of the said collection, for preparing collecti-

on bills, and computing the taxes payable by each individual, at the rate of one dollar for every hundred taxables contained in any such list.

Sec. 21. *And be it further enacted*, That a separate account shall be kept at the Treasury of the United States of all monies to be collected and received by virtue of this act; distinguishing the several amounts received from dwelling-houses, from slaves and from lands, within each State and also distinguishing the amount received in each State from each separate description of dwelling-houses, paying the same rate per centum.

Approved, July 14, 1798.

JOHN ADAMS,

President of the United States.

AN ACT,

Making certain appropriations; and to authorize the President to obtain a loan on the credit of the direct tax.

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled*, That there shall be, and there hereby are appropriated, the following sums, that is to say:—Towards defraying the bonuses, pay and other expenditures which shall and may accrue, in the augmentation of the army of the United States, pursuant to the act, intitled, "An act to augment the army of the United States; and for other purposes," the sum of nine hundred thousand dollars; and in addition to the sums heretofore appropriated for such fortifications as the President of the United States shall cause to be erected or completed, the further sum of seventy-five thousand dollars; and for the further expenses of the commissioners appointed pursuant to the treaty between the United States and Spain, and for the extraordinary expenses of marking and running certain boundary lines required by the same treaty, in addition to the former appropriations, the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars, to be paid from any monies which shall be in the Treasury of the United States not already appropriated.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the President of the United States shall be, and he is hereby authorized to borrow of the Bank of the United States, who are hereby enabled to lend the same, or of any other corporation, persons or person, the sum of two millions of dollars, upon the credit and anticipation of the direct tax, laid and to be collected within the United States; which tax shall be, and is hereby pledged for the repayment of any loan which shall be obtained thereon, as aforesaid; and the faith of the United States shall be, and is hereby pledged to make good any deficiency: *Provided*, That the interest to be allowed for such loan, shall not exceed six per centum per annum; and that the principal shall be reimbursed at the pleasure of the United States.

Approved—July 16, 1798.

JOHN ADAMS,

President of the United States.

AN ACT,

To augment the army of the United States; and for other purposes.

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled*, That from and after the passing of this act, each regiment of infantry in the army of the United States shall consist of one lieutenant colonel commandant, two majors, one adjutant, one pay master, one quartermaster, one surgeon, two fergeant's mates, ten captains, ten lieutenants, ten ensigns, one fergeant major, one quartermaster fergeant, two senior musicians, forty fergeants, forty corporals, twenty musicians, and six hundred privates; and that the several regiments of infantry now in the service of the United States, be augmented accordingly: *Provided always*, That the President of the United States may, in his discretion, appoint and distribute such additional number of fergeant's mates, and for such length of time, as the exigencies of the service may require.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby authorized to raise, in addition to the present military establishment, twelve regiments of infantry, and six troops of light dragoons, to be enlisted for and during the continuance of the existing differences between the United States and the French Republic, unless sooner discharged; and the said six troops, together with the two troops of dragoons now in service, shall be formed into a regiment, and there shall be appointed thereto one lieutenant colonel commandant, two majors, one adjutant, one pay master, one quartermaster, one fergeant major, and one quartermaster fergeant, whose pay and emoluments, as well as those of the cornets respectively, shall be the same as are by law allowed to officers of the same grades in the infantry.

Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That there shall be two major generals, with two aids de camp each; one inspector general, with the rank, pay & emoluments of a major general, & two aids de camp; three brigadier generals, in addition to the present establishment; two assistant inspectors (who shall be taken from the line of the army); one adjutant general, with one or more assistant or assistants (to be taken from the line of the army); and four chaplains.

Sec. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the major generals respectively shall be entitled to one hundred and fifty dollars monthly pay, with twenty dollars allowance for forage monthly, and for daily subsistence fifteen rations, or money in lieu thereof at the contract price; the adjutant general shall be entitled to the rank, pay and emoluments of a brigadier general; each chaplain to the pay and emoluments of a major; the aids de camp and assistant inspectors shall each be entitled to twenty four dollars monthly, in addition to their pay in the line, and to four rations of provisions each for their daily subsistence; and whenever forage shall not be furnished by the public, to ten dollars per month in lieu thereof.

Sec. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That each non-commissioned officer, private and musician, who shall hereafter be enlisted for the army of the United States, shall be able bodied, and of a free and age, suitable for the public service, according to the directions, which the President of the United States shall and may establish, and shall be entitled to a bounty of twelve dollars; but the payment of four dollars thereof shall be deferred until he shall have joined the army; and each commissioned officer who shall be employed in the recruiting service, shall be entitled to receive for each such non-commissioned officer and private, and for each sufficient musician, duly initiated and mustered, the sum of two dollars.

Sec. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That the monthly pay of the non-commissioned officers, musicians and privates in the army of the United States, from and after the first day of August next, shall be

as follows: cadets, ten dollars, and two rations per day; fergeant majors, and quartermaster fergeants, ten dollars; senior musicians, eight dollars; fergeants, eight dollars; corporals, seven dollars; musicians, six dollars; privates, five dollars; artificers to the infantry and artillery, and fergeants and saddlers to the dragoons, shall be allowed each the monthly pay of ten dollars.—That every non-commissioned officer, private and musician shall receive daily the following rations of provisions, to wit: one pound of pork, eighteen ounces of bread or flour, a gill of rum, brandy or whiskey, and at the rate of two quarts of salt, four quarts of vinegar, four pounds of soap, and one pound and a half of candles to every hundred rations.

Sec. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby authorized to appoint a number, not exceeding four teachers of the arts and sciences necessary for the instruction of the artificers and engineers, who shall be entitled to the monthly pay of fifty dollars, and two rations per day.

Sec. 8. *And be it further enacted*, That the officers, non-commissioned officers, musicians and privates raised by virtue of this act, shall take and subscribe the oath or affirmation prescribed by the law, intitled, "An act to ascertain and fix the military establishment of the United States," and they shall be governed by the rules and articles of war, which have been or may be established by law, and shall be entitled to legal emoluments in case of wounds or disabilities received while in actual service, and in the line of duty. And in needs of Senate, the President of the United States is hereby authorized to appoint all the regimental officers proper to be appointed under this act, and likewise to make appointments to fill any vacancies in the army, which may have happened during the present session of the Senate.

Sec. 9. *And be it further enacted*, That there shall be appointed an inspector of the artillery, taken from the line of artificers and engineers, who shall be allowed thirty dollars per month in addition to his pay in the line, and four rations of provisions for his daily subsistence and whenever forage shall not be furnished by the public he shall be allowed ten dollars per month in lieu thereof.

Approved, July 16, 1798.

JOHN ADAMS,

President of the United States.

AN ACT,

To enable the President of the United States, to borrow money for the public service.

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled*, That the President of the United States shall be, and hereby is authorized to borrow, on behalf of the United States, from the bank of the United States, which is hereby authorized to lend the same, or from any other body or bodies politic or corporate, or from any person or persons and upon such conditions as he shall judge most advantageous for the United States, a sum not exceeding five millions of dollars, in addition to the monies to be received in the Treasury of the United States, from taxes, for making up any deficiency in any appropriation heretofore made by law, or to be made during the present session of Congress; and defraying the expenses which may be incurred, by calling into actual service, any part of the militia of the United States, or by raising, equipping and calling into actual service any regular troops, or volunteers, pursuant to authorities vested or to be vested in the President of the United States, by law: *Provided*, that no engagement nor contract shall be entered into, which shall preclude the United States from reimbursing any sum or sums borrowed at any time after the expiration of fifteen years from the date of such loan.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That so much as may be necessary of the surplus of the duties on imports and tonnage, beyond the permanent appropriations heretofore charged upon them by law, shall be and hereby is pledged and appropriated for paying the interest of all such monies as may be borrowed, pursuant to this act, according to the terms and conditions on which the loan or loans respectively, may be effected; and also for paying and discharging the principal sum or sums of any such loan or loans, according to the terms and conditions to be fixed as aforesaid.—And the faith of the United States shall be and hereby is pledged, to establish sufficient permanent revenues for making up any deficiency that may hereafter appear in the provisions for paying the said interest and principal sums, or any of them, in manner aforesaid.

Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the sums to be borrowed, pursuant to this act, shall be paid into the Treasury of the United States, and there separately accounted for: And that the same shall be, and hereby are appropriated in manner following:—First, to make up any deficiency in any appropriation heretofore made by law, or to be made during the present session of Congress; and secondly, to defray the expenses which may be incurred, by calling into actual service, any part of the militia of the United States, or by raising, equipping and calling into actual service, any regular troops, or volunteers, pursuant to authorities vested or to be vested in the President of the United States, by law.

Approved—July 16, 1798.

JOHN ADAMS,

President of the United States.

AN ACT,

To alter and amend the several acts for the establishment and regulation of the Treasury, War, and Navy departments.

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled*, That there shall be in the department of the navy, an officer to be denominated accountant of the navy, who shall be charged with the settlement of all accounts for monies advanced and stores issued or distributed by or under the direction of the secretary of the navy, and who shall report from time to time, all such settlements as shall have been made by him for money advanced or issued, for the inspection and revision of the accounting officers of the Treasury. And the compensation of the said accountant shall be a yearly salary of one thousand six hundred dollars. And all letters and packages to and from said accountant by mail, shall be free of postage.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the treasurer of the United States shall disburse all such money as shall have been previously ordered for the use of the department of the navy, by warrants

from the Treasury, which disbursements shall be made pursuant to warrants from the Secretary of the Navy, countersigned by the accountant.

Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That all pur-chasers, and contractors, for supplies or services for the military and naval service of the United States, shall be made by or under the direction of the chief officers of the department of war and the navy respectively, and all agents or contractors for supplies or services as aforesaid, shall render their accounts for settlement to the accountant of the proper department for which such supplies or services are required, subject nevertheless to the inspection and revision of the officers of the Treasury in manner before subscribed.

Sec. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the Purveyor of the public supplies, to execute all such orders as he may from time to time receive from the Secretary of War or Secretary of the Navy, relative to the procuring and providing of all kinds of stores and supplies; and shall render his accounts relative thereto to the accountants of the proper departments, which accounts shall be subject to the inspection and revision of the officers of the Treasury as aforesaid.

Sec. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That the provisions of the act passed on the eighth day of May one thousand seven hundred and ninety two, intitled "An act making alterations in the Treasury and War departments," and the act passed on the twenty third day of February one thousand seven hundred and ninety five, intitled "An act to establish the office of Purveyor of public supplies," in far as the same are repugnant to the provisions of this act, be and the same are hereby repealed.

Sec. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That all contracts to be made, by virtue of this act, or of any law of the United States, and requiring the advance of money, or to be in any manner connected with the settlement of public accounts, shall be deposited in the office of the Comptroller of the Treasury of the United States, within ninety days after their dates, respectively.

Approved—July 16, 1798.

JOHN ADAMS,

President of the United States.

AN ACT,

To make a further appropriation for the additional naval armament.

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled*, That the sum of six hundred thousand dollars shall be, and hereby is appropriated, to enable the President of the United States to cause to be built, and equipped, three ships or vessels, to be of a force not less than thirty-two guns each, and of the dimensions and model which he shall deem most advantageous for the public service, as part of the additional naval armament authorized by law.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the timber and other materials belonging to the United States proper for building and equipping the ships or vessels aforesaid, remaining in their several dock yards, and elsewhere, may be employed, under the direction of the President of the United States in effecting the purposes of this act; or may be otherwise disposed of, as he shall think best. And the sum hereby appropriated, shall be paid out of any unappropriated money in the treasury.

Approved—July 16, 1798.

JOHN ADAMS,

President of the United States.

AN ACT,

For the relief of sick and disabled seamen.

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled*, That from and after the first day of September next, the master or owner of every ship or vessel of the United States, arriving from a foreign port into any port of the United States, shall, before such ship or vessel shall be admitted to an entry, render to the collector a true account of the number of seamen, that shall have been employed on board such vessel since the was last entered at any port in the United States, and shall pay to the said collector, at the rate of twenty cents per month for every seaman so employed which sum he is hereby authorized to retain out of the wages of such seamen.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, that from and after the first day of September next, no collector shall grant to any ship or vessel whose enrolment or licence for carrying on the coasting trade has expired, a new enrolment or licence before the master of such ship or vessel shall first render a true account to the collector, of the number of seamen, and the time they have severally been employed on board such ship or vessel, during the continuance of the licence which has so expired, and pay to such collector twenty cents per month for every month such seamen have been severally employed, as aforesaid; which sum the said master is hereby authorized to retain out of the wages of such seamen. And if any such master shall render a false account of the number of men, and the length of time they have severally been employed, as is herein required he shall forfeit and pay one hundred dollars.

Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the several collectors to make a quarterly return of the sums collected by them, respectively, by virtue of this act, to the Secretary of the Treasury; and the President of the United States is hereby authorized, out of the same to provide for the temporary relief and maintenance of sick or disabled seamen, in the hospitals or other proper institutions now established in the several ports of the United States, or, in ports where no such institutions exist, then in such other manner as he shall direct: *Provided*, That the monies collected in any one district, shall be expended within the same.

Sec. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That if any surplus shall remain of the monies to be collected by virtue of this act, after defraying the expense of such temporary relief and support, that the same, together with such private donations as may be made for that purpose (which the President is hereby authorized to receive) shall be invested in the stock of the United States, under the direction of the President; and when, in his opinion, a sufficient fund shall be accumulated, he is hereby authorized to purchase or receive cessions or donations of ground or buildings, in the name of the United States, and to cause buildings, when necessary, to be erected as hospitals for the accommodation of sick and disabled seamen.

Sec. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby authorized to nominate and appoint, in such ports of the United States, as he may think proper, one or more persons, to be called directors of the marine hospital of the United States, whose duty it shall be

to direct the expenditure of the fund assigned for their respective ports, according to the third section of this act; to provide for the accommodation of sick and disabled seamen, under such general instructions as shall be given by the President of the United States, for that purpose, and also subject to the like general instructions, to direct and govern such hospitals as the President may direct to be built in the respective ports;—and that the said directors shall hold their offices during the pleasure of the President, who is authorized to fill up all vacancies that may be occasioned by the death, or removal of any of the persons so to be appointed.—And the said directors shall render an account of the monies received and expended by them, once in every quarter of a year, to the Secretary of the Treasury, or such other person as the President shall direct; but no other allowance or compensation shall be made to the said directors, except the payment of such expenses as they may incur in the actual discharge of the duties required by this act.

Approved—July 16, 1798.

JOHN ADAMS,

President of the United States.

AN ACT,

For erecting a Light House at Gay-Head, on Martha's Vineyard; and for other purposes.

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled*, That as soon as the jurisdiction of such land at Gay-head, on the western part of Martha's Vineyard, in the State of Massachusetts, as the President of the United States shall deem sufficient, and most proper for the accommodation of a light-house, shall have been ceded to the United States, it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Treasury to provide by contract, which shall be approved by the President, for building a light-house thereon, and for furnishing the same with all necessary supplies; and also, to agree for the salaries and wages of the person or persons who may be appointed by the President, for the superintendence of the same: And the President is hereby authorized to make the said appointments.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That as soon as such land at the New Inlet of Cape Fear river, in the State of North Carolina, as the President of the United States shall deem sufficient and most proper whereon to erect a lighted beacon, shall have been ceded to the United States, together with the jurisdiction thereof, it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Treasury to provide by contract, for erecting a lighted beacon thereon; and also for placing a buoy in the inlet aforesaid, and for furnishing the same with all necessary supplies.

Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That for the purposes aforesaid, and also for the payment of such sum as shall be found due to the commissioners of pilotage of the port of Savannah, in the State of Georgia, for erecting a beacon, and placing landry buoys at the entrance of the said port, on a settlement of their accounts at the Treasury, there be appropriated out of any monies in the Treasury, not otherwise particularly appropriated, the sum of five thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars: *Provided always*, That no payment shall be made for erecting the said beacon, until the land whereon the same has been erected, together with the jurisdiction thereof, shall have been ceded to the United States agreeable to law, and in like manner as has been done in other cases.

Approved—July 16, 1798.

JOHN ADAMS,

President of the United States.

AN ACT,

Making certain additional appropriations for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety eight.

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled*, That for the compensation of clerks to the Commissioners of Loans, and an allowance to certain loan officers, in lieu of clerk hire, and to defray the authorized expenses of the several loan-offices, for and during the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety eight, there fix be, and hereby is appropriated, the sum of thirteen thousand dollars.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That for the expenses incident to the Navy Department, for and during the present year, including the compensation of the Secretary of the Navy his clerks, and persons employed in his office, with the contingent expenses of the department there shall be, and hereby is appropriated, the sum of six thousand, two hundred and fourteen dollars and seventy two cents.

Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That for the expenses incident to the office of the accountant of the Navy department, for and during the present year, including the compensation of the accountant, his clerks, and persons employed in his office, with all contingent expenses thereof, there shall be, and hereby is appropriated, the sum of two thousand and forty five dollars and nine cents.

Sec. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That for the additional expenses incident to the present session of Congress, for printing, stationery and other contingencies, there shall be, and hereby are appropriated, the following sums, viz for the Senate one thousand dollars; for the House of Representatives four thousand dollars.

Sec. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That for repaying to the bank of the United States, a sum advanced upon bills drawn by the Treasury of the United States, in favor of the Cashier of the said bank, upon the supervisor of the district of New Hampshire, and protested, there shall be and hereby is appropriated, the sum of five thousand five hundred and six dollars.

Sec. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That the aforesaid appropriations shall be paid out of the sum of six hundred thousand dollars, reserved by the act "making provision for the debts of the U. States."

JONATHAN DAYTON,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

THEODORE SEDGWICK,

President of the Senate, pro tempore.

Approved, July 16, 1798.

JOHN ADAMS,

President of the United States.

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